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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the enforcement of child

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support obligations.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS millions of children in the United States are being econom-

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ically deprived and cannot achieve their true potential if financial sup-

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port is withheld by one or both parents; and

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WHEREAS Congress established a child support enforcement program in 42

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U.S.C. 651 - 665 (Title IV, Part D, Social Security Act) to provide an

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opportunity for all children to receive support from their parents through

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more effective enforcement of state and federal child support laws; and

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WHEREAS the purpose of the child support enforcement program was to

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ensure compliance with obligations to pay child support for each child in

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the United States living with one parent, and various enforcement tools

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were provided in 42 U.S.C. 651 - 665 to fulfill this purpose; and

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WHEREAS one of the enforcement tools is a provision in 42 U.S.C. 664

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allowing states to attach tax refunds through the Internal Revenue Service

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for reimbursement to the states for payments made to custodial parents, but

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the use of this particular enforcement tool was limited to Aid to Families

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with Dependent Children (AFDC) cases; and

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WHEREAS all of the enforcement tools in 42 U.S.C. 651 - 665 should be

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available for use in every child support enforcement case; and

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WHEREAS nonpayment of child support often forces the custodial parent

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to seek public assistance for the maintenance of the child; and

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WHEREAS numerous state and federal programs other than the Aid to

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Families with Dependent Children program are facing substantial budgetary

1 restrictions and are negatively affected by the failure to enforce child
2 support obligations adequately;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is re-
4 spectfully requested to amend 42 U.S.C. 664, and any related law, to pro-
5 vide that the procedures that are presently available to AFDC families for
6 the collection of past due child support from federal tax refunds shall be
7 available to all children in the United States on an equal basis.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
9 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
10 Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representa-
11 tives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
12 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
13 the Alaska delegation in Congress.