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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 am

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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.

7 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-  
9 ically deprived and cannot achieve their true potential if financial sup-  
10 port is withheld by one or both parents; and

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WHEREAS Congress established a child support enforcement program in 42  
12 U.S.C. 651 - 665 (Title IV, Part D, Social Security Act) to provide an  
13 opportunity for all children to receive support from their parents through  
14 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  
16 ensure compliance with obligations to pay child support for each child in  
17 the United States living with one parent, and various enforcement tools  
18 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  
20 allowing states to attach tax refunds through the Internal Revenue Service  
21 for reimbursement to the states for payments made to custodial parents, but  
22 the use of this particular enforcement tool was limited to Aid to Families  
23 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  
25 available for use in every child support enforcement case; and

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WHEREAS nonpayment of child support often forces the custodial parent  
27 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  
29 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 Ronald Reagan  
9 President of the United States; the Honorable Margaret M. Heckler,  
10 Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services; the Honorable  
11 George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S.  
12 Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of  
13 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
14 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
15 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.