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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal funding of supple-  
6 mental education for Alaska Natives  
7 under the Johnson-O'Malley Act.

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

9 WHEREAS federal regulations adopted under 25 U.S.C. 452 - 457 (the  
10 Johnson-O'Malley Act) provide for federal funding of supplemental education  
11 for 22,005 Alaska Native children and 158 supplemental education programs;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding is intended to lay a foundation  
14 for equal educational opportunities for Alaska Natives by providing for the  
15 special needs of Alaska Natives; and

16 WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding also encourages true self-deter-  
17 mination for Alaska Natives through parental and tribal involvement in  
18 education; and

19 WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding is the only source of preschool  
20 funding in many remote rural areas of the state, comprising 17 percent of  
21 the total number of programs; and

22 WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding provides for heritage identifica-  
23 tion programs, comprising 30 percent of the total number of programs; and

24 WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding provides for cultural awareness  
25 programs beyond the capacity of the local school boards for Native students  
26 in remote communities, comprising 30 percent of the total number of  
27 programs; and

28 WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding also provides employment for 443  
29 people in areas of the state where unemployment is 90 percent; and

1       WHEREAS President Reagan's proposed budget would eliminate funding  
2 under the Johnson-O'Malley Act;

3       BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of  
4 the United States and the United States Congress are respectfully urged to  
5 continue funding under the Johnson-O'Malley Act at current levels; and be  
6 it

7       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Department  
8 of the Interior is urged to oppose the proposed cuts in Johnson-O'Malley  
9 funding.

10       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
11 Reagan, President of the United States, the Honorable Donald Hodel, Secre-  
12 tary of the Interior, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
13 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-  
14 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.