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Original sponsors: Thompson, Herrmann,
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to federal funding of supple-

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mental education for Alaska Natives

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under the Johnson-O'Malley Act.

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

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WHEREAS federal regulations adopted under 25 U.S.C. 452 - 457 (the

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Johnson-O'Malley Act) provide for federal funding of supplemental education

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for 22,005 Alaska Native children and 158 supplemental education programs;

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and

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WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding is intended to lay a foundation

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for equal educational opportunities for Alaska Natives by providing for the

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special needs of Alaska Natives; and

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WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding also encourages true self-deter-

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mination for Alaska Natives through parental and tribal involvement in

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education; and

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WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding is the only source of preschool

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funding in many remote rural areas of the state, comprising 17 percent of

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the total number of programs; and

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WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding provides for heritage identifica-

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tion programs, comprising 30 percent of the total number of programs; and

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WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding provides for cultural awareness

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programs beyond the capacity of the local school boards for Native students

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in remote communities, comprising 30 percent of the total number of

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programs; and

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WHEREAS the Johnson-O'Malley funding also provides employment for 443

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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
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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, the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the
13 United States and President of the U.S. Senate, the Honorable Robert Dole,
14 Senate Majority Leader, the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of
15 the U.S. House of Representatives, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
16 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
17 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.