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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Urging Congress to maintain the current

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level of federal funding for child

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nutrition programs.

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

9 WHEREAS the child nutrition programs in the state serve a wide range
10 of children from all economic backgrounds; and

11 WHEREAS good nutrition is essential to the growth, development, learn-
12 ing, and general well being of children; and

13 WHEREAS the April 1983, National Evaluation of School Nutrition Pro-
14 grams indicated that students who participate in school lunch programs are
15 better nourished than children who do not participate in school lunch
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS seven affiliated organizations within the state have adopted
18 the Alaska State Nutrition Committee's School Lunch Resolution of January
19 1984, and this resolution emphasizes the importance of good nutrition; and

20 WHEREAS participation in child nutrition programs is increasing in the
21 state; and

22 WHEREAS the cost of the state's child nutrition programs is also
23 increasing; and

24 WHEREAS approval of the projected cuts in federal funding for child
25 nutrition programs will jeopardize the continuation of the present lunch
26 programs in the state; and

27 WHEREAS the projected federal funding cuts, representing more than a
28 30 percent reduction from the current funding level of the cash reimburse-
29 ments for state child nutrition programs, will adversely affect the quality

1 of the existing child nutrition programs and the ability of the state to
2 maintain these programs;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it urges the
4 United States Congress to maintain the present level of federal funding for
5 child nutrition programs throughout the country.

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