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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Encouraging federal funding for voca-

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tional education and job training.

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

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WHEREAS Alaska receives federal funds under the Carl Perkins Vocation-

9 al Education Act to expand, modernize, and develop quality vocational
10 education programs that will improve productivity and promote economic
11 growth; and

12 WHEREAS one of the requirements of the Act is to ensure access to
13 vocational education programs for underserved populations including the
14 handicapped, disadvantaged, men and women entering nontraditional occupa-
15 tions, persons whose ability to speak English is limited, and criminal
16 offenders; and

17 WHEREAS in fiscal year 1987, the state will receive \$1,700,000 in
18 vocational education funding from the federal government and the Congress
19 has allotted \$2,400,000 for the state in fiscal year 1988; and

20 WHEREAS the President of the United States and the Secretary of Educa-
21 tion have proposed a budget that reduces the fiscal year 1988 funding by 50
22 percent and that eliminates federal vocational education funding entirely
23 for fiscal year 1989; and

24 WHEREAS federal vocational education funding has been a catalyst for
25 program development and planning in the state since 1968 and is the only
26 source of revenue for program improvement and innovation of vocational
27 education programs;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Alaska
29 Congressional delegation to oppose the proposed rescission of vocational

1 education funds and to join in strongly supporting federal funding for
2 vocational education and job training.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens
4 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
5 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.