

Introduced: 1/21/88
Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

5-1651A

BY UEHLING, BINKLEY, STURGULEWSKI,
KELLY, JOSEPHSON, FISCHER,
FANNING, FAIKS AND HALFORD

1 IN THE SENATE

2

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5

Relating to the Young Astronaut Program.

6

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

7

WHEREAS an estimated 90 percent of United States high school graduates

8

may not be capable of accomplishing the most routine high-technology tasks;

9

and

10

WHEREAS only six percent of United States high school graduates attain

11

the same proficiency in math and science as is attained by 90 percent of

12

high school graduates in other countries; and

13

WHEREAS if this situation is not reversed, the United States could

14

forfeit its technological leadership; and

15

WHEREAS President Reagan has established the Young Astronaut Program

16

as a privately sponsored, nonprofit, educational organization to develop

17

and deliver high quality curricular material to encourage students in

18

elementary and junior high schools to study science, mathematics, technol-

19

ogy, and related subjects; and

20

WHEREAS in order to participate in the Young Astronaut Program, a

21

student must belong to a Young Astronaut Chapter established in school as a

22

co-curricular or extracurricular activity, or outside of school by a commu-

23

nity organization or by interested adults;

24

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that all school dis-

25

tricts in the state are respectfully requested to encourage schools in

26

their districts to start Young Astronaut Chapters by registering with the

27

Young Astronaut Council, P. O. Box 65432, Washington, D.C. 20036.

28

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Barney Gottstein, President

29

of the State Board of Education; to William G. Demmert, Commissioner of

- 1 Education; to the superintendent and curriculum coordinator of each school
- 2 district in the state; and to the president of each school board in the
- 3 state.