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1 IN THE SENATE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37 (HESS)
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; to the president of each local teachers association;
- 3 and to the president of each school board in the state.