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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to "Better Safe Than Sorry"

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programs in elementary schools.

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

8 WHEREAS thousands of children in the United States are abducted each
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS a 9-year-old Anchorage boy recently thwarted a stranger's
11 attempted abduction by asking the stranger to name a secret password, as
12 the boy had been taught in school; and

13 WHEREAS use of a password is one part of the "Better Safe Than Sorry"
14 program taught by elementary schools in the Anchorage school district; and

15 WHEREAS the program also includes instruction in safety rules by
16 police officers and school nurses, and a parent night at which safety
17 messages are passed to the home; and

18 WHEREAS teaching children how to protect themselves from harm is an
19 appropriate and important function of elementary education in the state;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature extends its whole-
21 hearted support and congratulations to the Anchorage school district and
22 the teachers and other persons who conduct the "Better Safe Than Sorry"
23 program; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
25 quests the Governor to direct the commissioner of education to work with
26 and assist school districts throughout the state to develop and implement
27 "Better Safe Than Sorry" programs in elementary schools.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to William G. Demmert, commis-
29 sioner of education; and to each school board in the state.