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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to housing programs of the

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United States Department of Housing and

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Urban Development.

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

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WHEREAS an inadequate supply of housing units for rural and low-income  
10 residents of Alaska exists despite the housing constructed in the urban  
11 areas of the state; and

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WHEREAS a recent study completed by the United States Bureau of Indian  
13 Affairs documented a statewide need for 4700 new units for Alaska Natives  
14 alone and also found that a majority of the existing housing units surveyed  
15 were substandard; and

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WHEREAS the demand for housing for low-income and rural residents of  
17 the state is growing; and

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WHEREAS the 200 units built by the Department of Housing and Urban  
19 Development in 1986 did not meet the need for new housing units and, in  
20 fact, represents a substantial reduction in the number of units from previ-  
21 ous years' efforts by the department; and

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WHEREAS the department proposes to reduce by one-half the number of  
23 units to be constructed in the next fiscal year; and

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WHEREAS further reduction in the number of housing units funded in the  
25 state by the department would leave many individuals in substandard hous-  
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WHEREAS an equitable distribution of fewer housing units to the exist-  
28 ing regional housing authorities in the state would create diseconomies of  
29 scale, thus making it impossible to obtain contractors for design and

1 construction in the rural areas of the state;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development is urged to maintain its hous-  
4 ing programs in the State of Alaska at or above their current levels.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Samuel R.  
6 Pierce, Jr., Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;  
7 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
8 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
9 Alaska delegation in Congress.