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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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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.

7 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-

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al Education Act to expand, modernize, and develop quality vocational

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education programs that will improve productivity and promote economic

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growth; and

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WHEREAS one of the requirements of the Act is to ensure access to

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vocational education programs for underserved populations including the

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handicapped, disadvantaged, men and women entering nontraditional occupa-

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tions, persons whose ability to speak English is limited, and criminal

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offenders; and

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WHEREAS in fiscal year 1987, the state will receive \$1,700,000 in

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vocational education funding from the federal government and the Congress

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has allotted \$2,400,000 for the state in fiscal year 1988; and

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WHEREAS the President of the United States and the Secretary of Educa-

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tion have proposed a budget that reduces the fiscal year 1988 funding by 50

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percent and that eliminates federal vocational education funding entirely

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for fiscal year 1989; and

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WHEREAS federal vocational education funding has been a catalyst for

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program development and planning in the state since 1968 and is the only

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source of revenue for program improvement and innovation of vocational

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education programs;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Alaska

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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.