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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to medical benefits for veter-

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

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WHEREAS comprehensive health care is a benefit that veterans have

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earned through their service to our country; and

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WHEREAS comprehensive health care benefits for veterans have histor-

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ically included coverage for the costs of heart transplants when medically

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necessary or desirable; and

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WHEREAS the federal Veterans Administration is currently reviewing its

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policy of covering heart transplants for veterans under their health bene-

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fits, and this coverage may be restricted or eliminated; and

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WHEREAS restricting or denying heart transplant coverage to veterans

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would unfairly deny to them their right to comprehensive health care;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that heart transplant

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coverage should remain part of the comprehensive health care package that

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is available to veterans.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,

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Vice-President of the United States and President of the United States

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Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the United States House of

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Representatives; Edward J. Derwinski, Administrator of Veterans Affairs;

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and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.

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Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the

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Alaska delegation in Congress.