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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

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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 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 Department of Community and
13 Regional Affairs documented a statewide need for 6,700 units for Alaska
14 Natives alone and also found that a majority of the existing housing units
15 surveyed 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 number of units built by the Department of Housing and
19 Urban Development in 1988 did not meet the need for new housing units and,
20 in fact, represents a substantial reduction in the number of units from
21 previous years' efforts by the department; and

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WHEREAS the present federal budget does not contain an appropriation
23 for use by regional housing authorities of money for housing construction;
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WHEREAS further reduction in the number of housing units funded in the
26 state by the Congress and the department would leave many individuals in
27 substandard housing; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska has recognized the demand for improved
29 housing for low-income and rural residents by appropriating \$3,500,000 in

1 each of the last two years to regional housing authorities in order to
2 encourage federal participation;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of
4 the United States and the United States Department of Housing and Urban
5 Development are urged to maintain housing programs in the State of Alaska
6 at or above their 1988 levels.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jack Kemp,
8 Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Honorable
9 Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian
10 Affairs; the Honorable John McCain, Ranking Minority Member of the U.S.
11 Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; the Honorable Morris K. Udall,
12 Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and to the
13 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
14 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
15 tion in Congress.