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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting a Police Corps program.

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

7 WHEREAS in 1948 there were approximately 3.32 police officers for
8 every violent crime that was committed in the United States, but today the
9 ratio has been reversed and, for every police officer, there are approxi-
10 mately 3.1 violent crimes committed in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS Senator Jim Sasser has introduced in the United States Senate
12 S.B. 1299, a bill that would establish a Police Corps program in order to
13 improve the quality and increase the size of the police force of the United
14 States; and

15 WHEREAS the Police Corps program would provide student loans to per-
16 sons who agree to be full-time members of a local police force after grad-
17 uation and, when a person has completed the four years of police service
18 after college, the federal government would assume repayment of the loan
19 the person received under the Police Corps program; and

20 WHEREAS the Police Corps program would assist young people in attend-
21 ing college, and at the same time increase and diversify the nation's law
22 enforcement resources; and

23 WHEREAS the Police Corps concept has been welcomed by law enforcement
24 officials across the country and has received bipartisan support in the
25 United States Congress;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United
27 States Congress to include in the proposed Police Corps program Alaska
28 state troopers and village public safety officers; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the

1 establishment of a Police Corps program under S.B. 1299, as amended to
2 cover Alaska state troopers and village public safety officers, and encour-
3 ages the United States Congress to support the bill with the suggested
4 amendment.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,
6 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
7 Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;
8 the Honorable Jim Sasser, U.S. Senator; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
9 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
10 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.