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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 83

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Urging a change in the allocation for-

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mula for federal grants for alcohol,

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drug abuse, and mental health services.

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

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WHEREAS there is a substantial need for prevention and treatment
10 programs related to alcoholism, drug abuse, and mental health in Alaska;
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WHEREAS the Congress has recently approved increased funding for
13 federal block grants for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services
14 (ADMS); and

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WHEREAS, under the current ADMS allocation formula, Alaska and six
16 other states would receive no increase in ADMS funding because the formula
17 overemphasizes factors like urban population and amount of total taxable
18 resources while giving no consideration to other factors like the high cost
19 of providing services in particular geographic settings; and

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WHEREAS a truly national effort to combat the effects of alcohol and
21 drug abuse should include increased funding for every state in the nation;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska con-
23 gressional delegation is urged to actively seek and support changes in the
24 formula for allocating ADMS block grants so that every state receives an
25 increase in funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs
26 in this area of vital importance to the future of our state and nation.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens
28 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
29 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.