

1 IN THE SENATE

BY ADAMS

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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

8 WHEREAS comprehensive health care is a benefit that veterans have
9 earned through their service to our country; and

10 WHEREAS comprehensive health care benefits for veterans have histor-
11 ically included coverage for the costs of heart transplants when medically
12 necessary or desirable; and

13 WHEREAS the federal Veterans Administration is currently reviewing its
14 policy of covering heart transplants for veterans under their health bene-
15 fits, and this coverage may be restricted or eliminated; and

16 WHEREAS restricting or denying heart transplant coverage to veterans
17 would unfairly deny to them their right to comprehensive health care;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that heart transplant
19 coverage should remain part of the comprehensive health care package that
20 is available to veterans.

21 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,
22 Vice-President of the United States and President of the United States
23 Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the United States House of
24 Representatives; Edward J. Derwinski, Administrator of Veterans Affairs;
25 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
26 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
27 Alaska delegation in Congress.