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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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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 schools on military bases.

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

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WHEREAS schools located on Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, Elmendorf

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Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support

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Center are operated by the local school district; and

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WHEREAS the federal government owns these schools; and

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WHEREAS these school buildings are significantly below building stan-

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dards when compared to other schools within the local school district; and

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WHEREAS the local school districts are expressly prohibited from

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conducting major maintenance or selling general obligation bonds to raise

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money for these schools; and

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WHEREAS the state has appropriated large amounts of money to provide

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for the maintenance of these schools at a time when state revenue is in

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severe decline; and

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WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid has

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made a commitment to provide major assistance for school maintenance; and

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WHEREAS schools on military bases in the state are the second highest

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national priority of the U.S. Department of Education; and

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WHEREAS repairs by the federal government may not begin for another

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two to three years due to the federal policy of resurveying maintenance

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needs at these schools; and

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WHEREAS parents of children attending these schools believe their

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children receive second-class treatment and that federal officials have not

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been responsive to their concerns;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the federal

1 government is requested to assume responsibility for necessary repair and  
2 upgrade work sufficient to bring facilities up to state and local building  
3 codes on schools located on Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, Elmendorf Air  
4 Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support  
5 Center; and be it

6       FURTHER RESOLVED that after necessary repair and upgrade work is  
7 completed the ownership of the schools should be transferred to the local  
8 municipality.

9       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,  
10 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the  
11 Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the  
12 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and  
13 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-  
14 tion in Congress; to the Honorable John Tower, Secretary of the U.S. Depart  
15 ment of Defense; to the Honorable Lauro Cavazos, Secretary of the U.S.  
16 Department of Education; to the Honorable William G. Demmert, Commissioner  
17 of the Alaska Department of Education; and to the superintendents of the  
18 Anchorage, Kodiak, and Fairbanks school districts.

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