

1 IN THE SENATE BY KERTTULA AND SZYMANSKI
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to location of a job corps
6 center within the Matanuska-Susitna
7 Borough.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS the state does not have a federal job corps center; and
10 WHEREAS Alaskan youths must travel great distances to other states to
11 participate in the federal job corps program; and
12 WHEREAS locating a job corps center within the state will reduce
13 existing program costs; and
14 WHEREAS locating a job corps center within the state will reduce
15 program drop-out rates because students will be much closer to their homes
16 and families; and
17 WHEREAS the Matanuska-Susitna Borough contains several existing vacant
18 facilities that would be appropriate for use as a job corps center site,
19 including the Colony Jr./Sr. High School complex, the state-owned military
20 facility at Goose Bay, and other private facilities; and
21 WHEREAS the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has the highest unemployment
22 rate in the state;
23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of
24 Labor is requested to consider locating a job corps center within the
25 Matanuska-Susitna Borough.
26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elizabeth
27 Dole, Secretary of Labor; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
28 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
29 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.