

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 am

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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 location of a job corps

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center within the Matanuska-Susitna

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Borough.

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

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WHEREAS the state does not have a federal job corps center; and

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WHEREAS Alaskan youths must travel great distances to other states to

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participate in the federal job corps program; and

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WHEREAS locating a job corps center within the state will reduce

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existing program costs; and

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program drop-out rates because students will be much closer to their homes

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and families; and

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WHEREAS the Matanuska-Susitna Borough contains several existing vacant

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facilities that would be appropriate for use as a job corps center site,

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including the Colony Jr./Sr. High School complex, the state-owned military

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facility at Goose Bay, and other private facilities; and

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WHEREAS the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has one of the highest

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unemployment rates in the state;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of

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Labor is requested to consider locating a job corps center within the

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Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elizabeth

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Dole, Secretary of Labor; and to the Honorable Daniel Inouye, U.S. Senator;

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and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.

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Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the

1 Alaska delegation in Congress.