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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to community action agencies.

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

7 WHEREAS on August 30, 1964, the United States declared a War on Pov-
8 erty with the enactment of the Economic Opportunity Act; and

9 WHEREAS in the ensuing 25 years this legislation has enabled national,
10 regional, and local programs to address the paradox of poverty in the midst
11 of plenty in this nation; and

12 WHEREAS community action agencies, created to offer the nation's poor
13 "a hand up, not a handout," have formed the cornerstones of the War on
14 Poverty; and

15 WHEREAS in Alaska the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL
16 CAP) has made an invaluable contribution to this effort through the devel-
17 opment of innovative and cost-effective initiatives to eliminate the causes
18 and conditions of poverty in communities throughout the state; and

19 WHEREAS as Alaska endures the current economic crisis it continues to
20 support the national commitment to the War on Poverty that is embodied in
21 the Community Services Block Grant program, which has enabled RurAL CAP to
22 provide workable solutions and services at the grassroots level; and

23 WHEREAS the State of Alaska upholds its own commitment to the less
24 fortunate among us, including members of the Alaska Native community; and

25 WHEREAS in so doing, the State of Alaska and RurAL CAP have formed a
26 valuable partnership to encourage positive approaches to self-sufficiency
27 in the rural communities;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature strongly
29 supports the continuing work of RurAL CAP; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to
2 arrange to have copies of this resolution presented with other demonstra-
3 tions of national support for community action agencies at the National
4 Association of Community Action Agencies' Rededication Ceremony in Washing-
5 ton, D.C. on September 8, 1989 for delivery to the Honorable George Bush,
6 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
7 the United States and President of U.S. Senate; and the Honorable Jim
8 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.
9 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens
10 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
11 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.