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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to social security payments to all social security recipients living in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS federal civil service employees in Alaska are allowed a 25 per cent differential in pay to compensate for the high living costs in Alaska; and

WHEREAS Alaskan citizens receiving social security payments are not allowed a differential in their payments; and

WHEREAS the average overall cost of living in Alaska is more than 25 per cent higher than the cost of living in the contiguous 48 states; and

WHEREAS the high cost of living in Alaska compels many Alaskan social security recipients to leave Alaska and move to other states where the living costs are less expensive and more in conformity with their social security income; and

WHEREAS past and current inflationary and rising costs of living make it increasingly difficult for social security recipients, residing in Alaska and depending upon fixed incomes or pensions, to purchase the necessities of living;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is requested to enact legislation which would permit the 25 per cent differential currently used in the federal civil service pay scale to be incorporated into the benefit payment scale of social security for all social security recipients living in Alaska.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Robert H. Finch, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare;

the Honorable Robert M. Ball, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.