



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 137

Requesting that a new school be constructed at Chevak, Alaska to replace the one destroyed by fire.

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

WHEREAS on May 12th the seven-classroom Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Chevak, Alaska was totally destroyed by fire; and

WHEREAS there are 153 children in grades 1 - 8 whose schooling was disrupted by the disastrous fire; and

WHEREAS educational opportunities in rural Alaska are already limited due to a great variety of economic and geographical factors; and

WHEREAS many young people in the villages have to be transported to other areas of Alaska and to other states in order to get an education; and

WHEREAS, because most of the children affected by the Chevak fire are too young to be sent away from home for the next school term, a new school facility is desperately needed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to immediately program the construction of a new school building at Chevak, Alaska this summer to replace the one destroyed by fire so that the 153 displaced pupils may continue their education in the fall school term without further interruption.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the

Honorable James E. Hawkins, Director of Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Morris Thompson, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.