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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Endorsing the proposal that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development build 122 units of low-income and elderly housing in Juneau.

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

WHEREAS, historically, Juneau has had a critical need for adequate housing and instituted an urban renewal program in 1963 to meet that need; and

WHEREAS a low-income and elderly housing project to be provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has been part of the Comprehensive Plan for Juneau's Harborview Urban Renewal Area since its inception; and

WHEREAS that comprehensive plan and the Juneau Area Housing Study previously have been formally approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS Juneau has planned to meet a part of the critical housing needs of the community on the basis that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development provide public housing units to which it had committed itself; and

WHEREAS this housing project is the heart of the urban renewal project and is needed to attract the other developments which are essential to the success of the urban renewal program in the area; and

WHEREAS, with the loss of the state capital, it is imperative that Juneau attract substantial employers to the Gastineau Channel area; adequate and affordable housing is necessary to attract any substantial employer to the area; and

WHEREAS the housing vacancy factor in the private market is currently less than three per cent, and there are, at present, no vacancies in the federal- and state-assisted housing units; and

WHEREAS, additionally, there are over 300 low-income families presently residing in substandard housing; and

WHEREAS the current waiting list exceeds 100 persons, substantially in excess of available federally assisted low-income housing in the Juneau area; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of recent discussions between officials of the City and Borough of Juneau and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the department has indicated its willingness to expand its original commitment to provide 80 units of low-income and elderly housing to the 122 units originally contemplated in the urban renewal plan despite any future capital move; and

WHEREAS the capital move is years in the future and its ultimate impact problematical in view of the area's effort to diversify its economy;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is urgently requested to approve an expanded commitment to provide 122 units of low-income and elderly housing in Juneau's Harbor-view Urban Renewal Area Project and to proceed immediately to construct these units; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes a moral obligation to assist such a housing project should Juneau in fact be placed in economic jeopardy as a result of the capital move.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Carla Anderson Hills, Secretary, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.