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**CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11( )**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION**

**In support of providing TRICARE program health care benefits to United States  
military retirees as promised.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

**WHEREAS** recruiting and maintaining a high-quality, all-volunteer, effective  
military force to safeguard national security is a primary goal of the United States Department  
of Defense; and

**WHEREAS** persons who volunteer for military service are at risk of mortal harm  
throughout the time they serve; and

**WHEREAS** the people of the state and nation rely on the men and women who serve  
in the military to execute faithfully that service; and

**WHEREAS** it is reasonable for the men and women who serve in the military to rely  
on promises made to them by the people of the state and nation; and

**WHEREAS** men and women who serve in the military have been promised they will  
receive military retiree health care benefits from the TRICARE program of the United States  
Department of Defense Military Health System (10 U.S.C. 55) after they perform 20 or more  
years of honorable military service; and

1       **WHEREAS** breaking that promise would be dishonorable;

2       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives supports providing to military  
3 retirees who have kept their oaths of office and who have served the people of the state and  
4 nation during times of war and armed conflict the TRICARE program health care benefits  
5 they were promised in exchange for that service without their being required to participate in  
6 health care programs that are more expensive to them than the TRICARE program and  
7 without their eligibility for TRICARE program health care benefits being made subject to  
8 means testing.

9       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
10 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
11 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Leon E. Panetta, United States Secretary of  
12 Defense; the Honorable Janet A. Napolitano, United States Secretary of Homeland Security;  
13 the Honorable John E. Bryson, United States Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Kathleen  
14 Sebelius, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; General Martin E.  
15 Dempsey, Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Honorable Regina M. Benjamin, Surgeon General  
16 of the United States; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich,  
17 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
18 delegation in Congress.