

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7**

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

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY SENATORS PHILLIPS, Pearce, Leman, Mackie, Green, Kelly, Parnell, Ellis, Hoffman, Ward, Sharp, Wilken, Miller, Duncan, Lincoln, Halford, Torgerson**

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**Introduced: 1/14/97**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Supporting continued funding of the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps  
2 Challenge Program.**

**3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**4 WHEREAS** the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps Challenge Program has provided  
**5** nearly three hundred 16 to 18 year old graduates of the program with critically needed  
**6** academic, vocational, and life skills education and training; and

**7 WHEREAS** the Challenge Program, through its military discipline and structure, has  
**8** instilled in its graduates self-confidence, self-esteem, and good citizenship skills; and

**9 WHEREAS** the Challenge Program provides Alaska's at-risk youth with an  
**10** opportunity to become successful, productive citizens of the state and the nation; and

**11 WHEREAS** the Challenge Program is an important crime and poverty prevention  
**12** program worthy of continued support by the government of the United States; and

**13 WHEREAS** 85 percent of the graduates of the Challenge Program are either employed  
**14** or in school; and

**15 WHEREAS** federal funding for the Challenge Program is scheduled to end in  
**16** September 1997;

1       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports continued funding for  
2 the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps Challenge Program; and be it

3       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
4 Congress to continue funding for the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps Challenge Program  
5 and urges the President of the United States to support the funding.

6       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
7 United States; to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President  
8 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S.  
9 Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to  
10 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the  
11 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.