

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22 am H**

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

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY SENATORS KELLY, Phillips, Leman, Wilken, Miller, Taylor, Mackie**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Inviting the United States Department of Defense to select Alaska as the site to**  
**2 base and train military troops.**

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

**4 WHEREAS** the nation's military strategy has shifted from its focus during the Cold  
**5 War** on deterrence and containment to support for the nation's new policies of global  
**6 leadership** in preventive diplomacy and promotion of democratic values; and

**7 WHEREAS** our armed forces, in the face of budget and force reductions and  
**8 increasingly** limited resources, are now called upon to conduct operations ranging from  
**9 enforcing** peace to preventing conflict and providing humanitarian assistance, while at all  
**10 times** remaining fully trained and prepared to accomplish their ultimate mission: to fight our  
**11 nation's** wars and win; and

**12 WHEREAS** the United States Department of Defense is now conducting its  
**13 quadrennial** review to evaluate the roles, missions, force structure, and base structure required  
**14 to meet** the challenges of the changing world situation; and

**15 WHEREAS** Alaska's military bases offer the armed forces an unmatched military  
**16 value** as a global power projection platform, as well as incomparable joint training areas that

1 combine world class airspace and air-to-surface target ranges with state-of-the-art electronic  
2 arrays and capabilities and a wide range of terrain that is similar to the terrain of many  
3 worldwide contingency operations areas; and

4       **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska and its citizens have always extended a warm  
5 welcome to members of the armed forces and their families and supported them with state and  
6 local programs and educational opportunities that recognize the contributions that members  
7 of the armed forces and their families have made to our nation as well as to our local  
8 communities;

9       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature invites the United States  
10 Department of Defense to make use of Alaska's unique qualities and capabilities by selecting  
11 military areas of operation within the state as the site to base and train the full spectrum force  
12 our nation now requires to successfully deploy and conduct both joint and combined  
13 operations in environments around the world.

14       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
15 United States; to the Honorable Al Gore, Vice-President of the United States and President  
16 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable  
17 Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army; the Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the  
18 Navy; the Honorable Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; the Honorable Strom  
19 Thurmond, Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable  
20 Floyd D. Spence, Chairman of the National Security Committee of the U. S. House of  
21 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
22 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
23 delegation in Congress.