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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 124

Relating to the designation of a national cemetery at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

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

WHEREAS there are several thousand citizens of Alaska who are veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts; and

WHEREAS a veteran and his wife are entitled to interment in a national cemetery; and

WHEREAS there is only one national cemetery in Alaska, located in Sitka; and

WHEREAS the Sitka cemetery at the present time has only 69 burial spaces left; and

WHEREAS the substantial savings in transportation and burial expenses resulting from the designation of a site in the most populated area of the state would considerably enhance the interment benefits to which an Alaskan veteran is entitled; and

WHEREAS the Fort Richardson post cemetery, located near the state's population centers, would be an ideal location for a national cemetery and there is available a large amount of acreage for future expansion;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Army is requested to designate the Fort Richardson post cemetery as a national cemetery.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Robert F. Froehlke, Secretary of the Army; 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.