



# Alaska State Legislature

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Relating to prisoners of war in Southeast Asia.

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

WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature in 1970 passed a Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation for the protection of American personnel captured in military operations in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, despite continued and repeated appeals by both government and private individuals, the names of American prisoners of war largely remain unknown; and

WHEREAS the United States government has information that prisoners are not being accorded the right of humane treatment; and

WHEREAS impartial inspections of prisoner-of-war facilities have not been permitted nor even the regular flow of mail facilitated;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it renews its concern regarding prisoners of war in Southeast Asia and urgently requests the Congress of the United States and other government officials to do everything possible to obtain a complete listing of all American and other prisoners, effect the release and freedom from captivity of those men now, and at the very least, assure the humane treatment of all prisoners taken captive in these hostilities.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable

William P. Rogers, Secretary of the Department of State; the Honorable J. W. Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the Honorable Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; 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.