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Relating to the presence of the United States military in Alaska.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the United States military presence in Alaska was considered to be the major industry in Alaska in the early days of statehood and today provides a solid economic foundation; and

WHEREAS in 1987, the military accounted for 13.4 percent of the state's population and the jobs created by the military continue to be an even larger percentage of the jobs in the state, given the numerous civilian personnel employed by the military; and

WHEREAS military personnel support the local economy by purchasing goods and supplies in local markets and by employing local contractors for many projects; and

WHEREAS military personnel and their families purchase homes in Alaska, thus supporting the Alaskan economy; and

WHEREAS increased military presence will help in Alaska's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS the military does play an essential role in the search and rescue efforts of Alaskan citizens; and

WHEREAS Alaska's military presence is necessary for national security; and

WHEREAS Alaska's strategic location allows rapid deployment of United States military forces throughout the world; and

WHEREAS the federal government can help build a more diversified state economy by recognizing Alaska's strategic

importance;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate continues to support military presence in Alaska and welcomes military personnel of all branches as residents of our fine state and thanks them for their sacrifices on behalf of our state and nation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank Carlucci, Secretary of Defense; Mr. Edward C. Aldridge, Jr., Secretary of the Air Force; Mr. William L. Ball III, Secretary of the Navy; Mr. James R. Ambrose, Secretary of the Army; General Joseph Palastra, United States Army Forces Command; Commandant General A. M. Gray, United States Marine Corps; Commandant Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr., United States Coast Guard; Major General Johnnie Corns, U.S. Army Alaska, Sixth Infantry Division (Light); Major General John Schaeffer, Alaska National Guard; the Honorable Sam Nunn, Chairman, United States Senate Armed Services Committee; the Honorable Les Aspin, Chairman, United States House Armed Services Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.