

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/21/97

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' 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.