

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

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Supporting continued funding of the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps Challenge Program.

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

WHEREAS the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps Challenge Program has provided nearly three hundred 16 to 18 year old graduates of the program with critically needed academic, vocational, and life skills education and training; and

WHEREAS the Challenge Program, through its military discipline and structure, has instilled in its graduates self-confidence, self-esteem, and good citizenship skills; and

WHEREAS the Challenge Program provides Alaska's at-risk youth with an opportunity to become successful, productive citizens of the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS the Challenge Program is an important crime and poverty prevention program worthy of continued support by the government of the United States; and

WHEREAS 85 percent of the graduates of the Challenge Program are either employed or in school; and

WHEREAS federal funding for the Challenge Program is scheduled to end in September 1997;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports continued funding for the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps Challenge Program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to continue funding for the Alaska National Guard Youth Corps Challenge Program and urges the President of the United States to support the funding.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; 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.