

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIES

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Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the use of Fort Greely as a correctional facility.

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

3 WHEREAS Alaska prisons and jails are severely overcrowded and space to house new
4 inmates is unavailable; and

5 WHEREAS projections show the state's prison population will increase by over 200
6 new inmates each year; and

7 WHEREAS the state is under court order to decrease overcrowding and, in fact, has
8 been found to be in contempt of that order and is accruing fines on a monthly basis; and

9 WHEREAS the United States Department of Defense is closing Ft. Greely and is
10 seeking some entity to assume responsibility for the property upon base closure; and

11 WHEREAS a portion of the facilities at Ft. Greely may be suitable to house medium
12 or minimum security prison inmates; and

13 WHEREAS a prison facility would provide employment to local residents and mitigate
14 the effects of the base closure;

15 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
16 Governor to direct the commissioner of corrections to work with appropriate federal
17 authorities, residents of Delta Junction, and any other interested party to use some of the

1 property at Ft. Greely to provide adequate housing for the containment of medium and
2 minimum security prison inmates.

3 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor
4 of Alaska; and Margaret Pugh, Commissioner of Corrections.