

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Inviting the United States Department of Defense to select Alaska as the site to**
2 **base and train military troops.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the nation's military strategy has shifted from its focus during the Cold
5 War on deterrence and containment to support for the nation's new policies of global
6 leadership in preventive diplomacy and promotion of democratic values; and

7 **WHEREAS** our armed forces, in the face of budget and force reductions and
8 increasingly limited resources, are now called upon to conduct operations ranging from
9 enforcing peace to preventing conflict and providing humanitarian assistance, while at all
10 times remaining fully trained and prepared to accomplish their ultimate mission: to fight our
11 nation's wars and win; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States Department of Defense is now conducting its
13 quadrennial review to evaluate the roles, missions, force structure, and base structure required
14 to meet the challenges of the changing world situation; and

15 **WHEREAS** Alaska's military bases offer the armed forces an unmatched military
16 value as a global power projection platform, as well as incomparable joint training areas that

1 combine world class airspace and air-to-surface target ranges with state-of-the-art electronic
2 arrays and capabilities and a wide range of terrain that is similar to the terrain of many
3 worldwide contingency operations areas; and

4 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska and its citizens have always extended a warm
5 welcome to members of the armed forces and their families and supported them with state and
6 local programs and educational opportunities that recognize the contributions that members
7 of the armed forces and their families have made to our nation as well as to our local
8 communities;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature invites the United States
10 Department of Defense to make maximum use of Alaska's unique qualities and capabilities
11 by selecting the state as the site to base and train the full spectrum force our nation now
12 requires to successfully deploy and conduct both joint and combined operations in
13 environments around the world.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
15 United States; to the Honorable Al Gore, Vice-President of the United States and President
16 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable
17 Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army; the Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the
18 Navy; the Honorable Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; the Honorable Strom
19 Thurmond, Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable
20 Floyd D. Spence, Chairman of the National Security Committee of the U. S. House of
21 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
22 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
23 delegation in Congress.