

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(MLV) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, Barnes, Murkowski, Phillips, Mulder, Croft, Whitaker, Coghill, Sanders, Porter, Smalley, Masek, Kemplen, Hudson, Joule, James

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to a national ballistic missile defense system.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the collapse of the Soviet Union has rendered obsolete the treaty
4 constraints and diplomatic understandings that limited the development and deployment of
5 weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems during the Cold War; and

6 **WHEREAS** the world has consequently witnessed during this decade an unprecedented
7 proliferation of sophisticated military technology, including nuclear, chemical, and biological
8 weapons and ballistic missiles; and

9 **WHEREAS** the United States has recognized that it currently has no means of
10 protecting persons living in all 50 states from attack by these new threats and has initiated a
11 program to develop and deploy a national ballistic missile defense system; and

12 **WHEREAS** four locations in Alaska are currently being considered as sites for
13 deployment of the intercept vehicles for this system; and

14 **WHEREAS** each of these locations provides the unmatched military value of a
15 strategic location from which persons living in all 50 states can be defended as required by
16 the United States Constitution; and

17 **WHEREAS**, throughout Alaska's history as a territory and a state, Alaska's citizens

1 have been unwavering in their support of a strong national defense while warmly welcoming
2 the men and women of our armed forces stationed in Alaska; and

3 **WHEREAS** construction, operation and maintenance of a high technology missile
4 defense system would require advanced labor skills; and

5 **WHEREAS** these high technology workers would increase Alaska's human asset base
6 and provide a highly skilled labor force for use by private enterprise;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature calls upon the
8 President, as Commander In Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, to provide for
9 the common defense of our nation by selecting an Alaska site for the deployment of the
10 intercept vehicles for the national ballistic missile defense system.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
12 United States; the Honorable William Cohen, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense;
13 the Honorable Floyd D. Spence, Chair, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of
14 Representatives; the Honorable John Warner, Chair, Committee on Armed Services, U.S.
15 Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
16 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
17 Congress.