

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

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 all of its citizens from attack by these new threats and has initiated a program to
11 develop and deploy a national ballistic missile defense system; and

12 **WHEREAS** four locations in the state 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 Americans living in all 50 states can be defended as required
16 by 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 here;

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

7 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
8 United States; the Honorable Floyd D. Spence, Chair, Committee on Armed Services, U.S.
9 House of Representatives; the Honorable John Warner, Chair, Committee on Armed Services,
10 U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
11 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
12 delegation in Congress.