

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to protect the**
2 **Social Security Trust Fund.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Social Security Trust Fund was originally developed to ensure a
5 stable platform of retirement, disability, and survivor annuity benefits for hardworking
6 Americans and their dependents; and

7 **WHEREAS** the assets in the Social Security Trust Fund are owned by the working
8 taxpayers of America whose payroll taxes were used to purchase the government securities
9 held by the fund; and

10 **WHEREAS** the government is not the owner of the Social Security Trust Fund, but
11 merely its steward; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during past budget deficits, the Social Security Trust Fund surplus has
13 been used to fund other functions of government; and

14 **WHEREAS** Alaska's statewide senior citizen community is, proportionately, the
15 second most rapidly growing in the country; and

16 **WHEREAS** the number of Alaskans over the age of 60 is expected to reach 20

1 percent of the population by the year 2025; and

2 **WHEREAS** it is understood that deficits may be unavoidable during times of war;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the President of
4 the United States and the United States Congress to use the Social Security Trust Fund only
5 for its original intent; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the Alaska
7 Delegation to the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to ensure
8 that the Social Security Trust Fund is used solely for its original intent.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
10 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice President of the United States
11 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Majority Leader of the U.S.
12 Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
13 Honorable Senator Robert C. Byrd, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations;
14 the Honorable Bill Thomas, Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways
15 and Means; the Honorable Senator Ted Stevens, Ranking Minority Member of the United
16 States Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senator,
17 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
18 Congress.