

**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(MLV)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Offered: 2/5/03**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LYNN, Chenault, Coghill, Foster, Gatto, Harris, Hawker, Kohring, Kott, Morgan, Rokeberg, Seaton, Stoltze, Whitaker, Wolf, Dahlstrom, Guttenberg, Fate, Gruenberg, Holm, Masek**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the extension of the Alaska Railroad to Fort Greely to serve the anti-ballistic**  
2 **missile launch facility.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the United States Department of Defense has begun to construct an anti-  
5 ballistic missile launch facility at Fort Greely, Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Fort Greely anti-ballistic missile launch facility is an initial  
7 component of an expansive missile defense shield that will include sea-based missiles,  
8 airborne lasers, and space-based defense satellites; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Fort Greely facility will be used for ground testing of the anti-  
10 ballistic missile system and for training of personnel for the national anti-ballistic missile  
11 system; and

12 **WHEREAS** the construction and operation of the Fort Greely anti-ballistic missile  
13 system will require substantial quantities of supplies and materials over the lifetime of the  
14 facility; and

15 **WHEREAS** a railroad is well suited to providing the quantities of supplies and  
16 materials needed to construct, operate, and maintain the Fort Greely anti-ballistic missile

1 launch facility; and

2         **WHEREAS** the Alaska Railroad already has rail lines extending to Eielson Air Force  
3 Base, which is within 70 miles of Fort Greely; and

4         **WHEREAS** the Alaska Railroad has a long and proud history of providing  
5 transportation services to the armed forces of the United States; and

6         **WHEREAS** the Alaska Railroad can efficiently provide transportation services for  
7 heavy cargo and large quantities of supplies to Fort Greely from ports at Seward, Whittier,  
8 and Anchorage; and

9         **WHEREAS** the extension of the Alaska Railroad to Fort Greely is consistent with the  
10 long-term goals of the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the State of Alaska to extend rail  
11 service through Canada to the lower 48 states;

12         **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor  
13 Frank Murkowski to direct the Alaska Railroad Corporation to undertake the extension of the  
14 Alaska Railroad to Fort Greely in order to provide rail service to Fort Greely and the anti-  
15 ballistic missile launch facility.

16         **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
17 of the United States; the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, United States Secretary of Defense;  
18 Patrick Gamble, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Railroad Corporation; and to  
19 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the  
20 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.