

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to support the speedy deployment of a national**
2 **missile defense system.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty was signed with the Union of
5 Soviet Socialist Republics, a nation that no longer exists; and

6 **WHEREAS** an increasing number of nations, including North Korea, either currently
7 possess the capability to launch missile attacks against the United States or are working to
8 obtain that capability; and

9 **WHEREAS** due in part to advances in technology, the possibility that a missile
10 bearing a weapon of mass destruction will be used against United States forces or interests is
11 higher today than it was during most of the Cold War; and

12 **WHEREAS** terrorist groups, not just nations, may have the means to buy
13 intercontinental ballistic missiles; and

14 **WHEREAS** the United States still does not have a defense against missile attack; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Cold War policy of mutual assured destruction that is assumed in
16 arms control treaties is not sufficient to deter terrorist missile attacks; and

1 **WHEREAS** defending against a missile attack is the government's moral obligation;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United States
3 Congress support and vote for all efforts to build and deploy a national missile defense system
4 as rapidly as possible.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-
6 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ted Stevens,
7 President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate and member of the Alaska delegation in Congress;
8 the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the
9 Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.