

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES HEINZE, Foster, Seaton, Wolf, Fate, Holm, Crawford, Kapsner, McGuire, Kerttula**

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

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Expressing confidence in and support for all members of the military, their families, and**  
2 **employers of members of the National Guard.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** many members of the Alaska National Guard and other members of the  
5 military have been assigned to duty overseas to assist people in countries around the world,  
6 end the threat of terrorism, prepare for the very real threat of war, and to deal with threats  
7 against our nation; and

8 **WHEREAS** members of the Alaska National Guard, their families, their employers,  
9 and other members of the military make tremendous sacrifices every day in their service to  
10 our country and to our state; and

11 **WHEREAS** the members of the Alaska National Guard and other members of the  
12 military are well trained, well led, and committed to protecting and serving the citizens of the  
13 United States and their interests abroad; and

14 **WHEREAS** members of the Alaska National Guard, other members of the military,  
15 and their families make important contributions to the State of Alaska while they are stationed  
16 here; and

1           **WHEREAS** the security of our nation, our state, and our citizens depends on the  
2 willingness of these brave men and women to put themselves in harm's way;

3           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the commitment of  
4 the members of the Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, and other  
5 members of the military, and expresses its support for these gallant defenders of freedom; and  
6 be it

7           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Twenty-Third Alaska State  
8 Legislature express their gratitude for the sacrifices of the families and civilian employers of  
9 our men and women in uniform; and be it

10          **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Twenty-Third Alaska State  
11 Legislature express their sincere hope and trust that all members of the Alaska National Guard  
12 and other members of the military return safely to their families from wherever they may be  
13 assigned.

14          **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
15 of the United States; the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, United States Secretary of Defense;  
16 General Richard B. Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Peter Pace, Vice  
17 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff of the Army;  
18 Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations; General James L. Jones, Commandant of the  
19 Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler, Commander, Alaskan  
20 Command, United States Air Force; the Honorable Craig E. Campbell, Adjutant General,  
21 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
22 Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
23 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.