

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18**

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 **Supporting the men and women of the United States armed forces in the military action**  
2 **to free Iraq and to protect the world from Saddam Hussein.**

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

4 **WHEREAS**, for years, the government of Saddam Hussein has posed a threat to the  
5 security of the United States and to world peace; and

6 **WHEREAS** not only has Iraq attacked other nations, it has also breached the  
7 longstanding taboo against the use of chemical weapons of mass destruction by turning these  
8 weapons upon its own Kurdish population; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, shortly after the ceasefire that ended the Iran-Iraq war, the  
10 government of Saddam Hussein launched a major military offensive against the Kurds in  
11 northern Iraq, sending thousands of refugees fleeing into southeastern Turkey; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Kurdish refugees reported use of chemical weapons in Kurdish  
13 villages, which was later borne out by soil samples that revealed the presence of the nerve gas  
14 sarin; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2001, Iraq attempted to shoot down surveillance planes patrolling the  
16 no-fly zone as part of its ban on weapons inspectors; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in response to the mounting tension, in November 2002, the United  
2 Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1441, calling for Iraq to declare  
3 any weapons of mass destruction programs in its borders; and

4           **WHEREAS** Iraq failed to comply with the resolution through omissions in its  
5 declaration on weapons of mass destruction; and

6           **WHEREAS** Iraq has had a long history of failing to abide by United Nations  
7 resolutions after agreeing to do so;

8           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the decision of  
9 President George W. Bush to take military action against the despotic regime of Saddam  
10 Hussein in Iraq; and be it

11           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature declares that military  
12 action is necessary to protect the United States and the rest of the world from aggression by  
13 the government of Saddam Hussein; and be it

14           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the brave men  
15 and women in the armed services who are engaged in protecting the people of Iraq and the  
16 rest of the world from Saddam Hussein.

17           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
18 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States  
19 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;  
20 the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis  
21 Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
22 the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
23 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.