

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(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: 3/26/03

Referred: Today's Calendar

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LYNN, Dahlstrom, Anderson, Kohring, Harris, Wilson, Heinze

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting the men and women of the United States armed forces.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the men and women of the United States armed forces are currently
4 engaged in military action in Iraq; and

5 **WHEREAS** the government of Saddam Hussein has posed a threat to national
6 security and world peace for many years, attacking other nations and breaching international
7 laws and understandings; and

8 **WHEREAS** Iraq has not only attacked other nations, it has used chemical weapons of
9 mass destruction against its own Kurdish population; and

10 **WHEREAS** Iraq has failed to comply with the United Nations Security Council
11 unanimously adopted Resolution 1441, calling for it to declare any weapons of mass
12 destruction programs within its borders; and

13 **WHEREAS** Iraq has attempted to shoot down surveillance planes patrolling the no-
14 fly zone imposed by the United Nations; and

15 **WHEREAS** the men and women of the United States and coalition armed forces are
16 sacrificing their personal safety for freedom for Iraqi people and peace in the region; and

1 **WHEREAS** the United States and coalition armed forces have made the ultimate
2 sacrifice; and

3 **WHEREAS** the United States and coalition forces are leaving their families to travel
4 halfway around the world to assist in bringing peace to a country that has, for many years,
5 only known tyranny;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its support for
7 President George W. Bush's decision in taking military action against the regime of Saddam
8 Hussein in Iraq; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its support to
10 the men and women of the United States and coalition armed forces who are currently
11 involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom and other such operations around the world.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
13 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
14 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;
15 the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis
16 Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; General Tommy Franks, Commander-
17 in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
18 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
19 the Alaska delegation in Congress.