

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(MLV) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LYNN, Dahlstrom, Anderson, Kohring, Harris, Wilson, Heinze, Holm, Foster, Rokeberg, Kott, Stoltze, Hawker, Ogg, Seaton, Fate, Meyer, Chenault, Whitaker, Gatto, Wolf, Coghill, Masek, Williams, Weyhrauch, Crawford, Gruenberg, Berkowitz, McGuire, Croft, Guttenberg, Samuels, Morgan, Cissna, Gara, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kookesh, Moses

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 as this nation is engaged in combat; and be it

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

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