

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to enact the American Veterans Homeownership Act**
2 **of 2005.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** a large number of Alaskans are currently serving or have served in the
5 military; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Alaska veterans mortgage program is currently restricted by a 1986
7 federal tax code provision that provides tax-exempt bonds for housing loans to veterans for
8 only those veterans who served before January 1, 1977; and

9 **WHEREAS** the number of veterans in Alaska who qualify for the tax-exempt bonds
10 for housing loans to veterans has decreased to fewer than 60; and

11 **WHEREAS** the courageous men and women of Alaska who serve in the armed forces
12 and make sacrifices for our country should be entitled to low-cost veterans' housing loans;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States
14 Congress to pass the American Veterans Homeownership Act of 2005, H.R. 2952; and extend
15 the date for leaving active service in order to qualify for a veterans' housing loan.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President

1 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
2 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;
3 the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis
4 Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority
5 Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Larry Craig, Chair of the U.S.
6 Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Steve Buyer, Chair of the U.S. House
7 of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski,
8 Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S.
9 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
10 delegation in Congress; and, by electronic transmission, all other members of the U.S. Senate
11 and the U.S. House of Representatives serving in the 109th United States Congress.