

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/17/06

Referred: State Affairs

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KERTTULA, Gruenberg, Gara, Dahlstrom, Lynn

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to adopt the United States House of Representatives**
2 **version of the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005, including sec. 303.**

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 for veterans to
8 only those veterans who served before January 1, 1977; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, the number of veterans in Alaska who qualified for and applied
10 for loans funded by tax-exempt bonds for housing loans for veterans has decreased to fewer
11 than 60; and

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

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United States
15 Congress include in the final conference report of the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation
16 Act of 2005, H.R. 4297, sec. 303, repealing the requirement that a veteran must have served

1 in the military before January 1, 1977, in order to qualify for a veterans' housing loan.

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