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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Secretary's Desk

A RESOLUTION

- 1 **Expressing support for federal legislation establishing a United States Department of**
2 **Defense regional center for security studies in the state.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

4 **WHEREAS** the United States military recognized the strategic significance of the
5 Arctic at the 2019 Alaskan Command Arctic Symposium held at the University of Alaska
6 Fairbanks; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as this state is the only Arctic state in the United States and the only
8 reason the United States is an Arctic nation, it would be wise for the United States to increase
9 its focus on the North; and

10 **WHEREAS** the bill currently designated as S. 2707 in the United States Senate would
11 establish a United States Department of Defense regional center for security studies in the
12 state; and

13 **WHEREAS** S. 2707 would name the regional center for security studies "The Ted
14 Stevens Arctic Center for Security Studies";

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Senate supports the passage of S. 2707.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President

1 of the United States; the Honorable Mark Esper, United States Secretary of Defense; and the
2 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the
3 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.