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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY; THE  
6 CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILI-  
7 TARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;  
8 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.  
9 SENATE; THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; ALASKA SENATORS-  
10 ELECT WILLIAM EGAN AND ERNEST GRUENING; AND ALASKA CONGRESSMEN-  
11 ELECT RALPH RIVERS:

12 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of  
13 Alaska, in Twenty-third regular session assembled, respectfully  
14 submits that:

15 WHEREAS, the First and Second Scout Battalions of the  
16 Alaska National Guard, located along the northern and western  
17 coasts of Alaska fronting on Soviet Russia, are performing a  
18 vital mission of defense for the Nation in providing daily  
19 aircraft warnings and information to the U. S. Air Force and  
20 intelligence information for Headquarters, U. S. Army, Alaska;  
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22 WHEREAS, although the Scout Battalions and their members  
23 are on inactive Territorial status, they have been assigned this  
24 important and continuing national defense mission and a corres-  
25 ponding mobilization assignment by the regular military estab-  
26 lishments of the United States; and

27 WHEREAS, the Scout Battalions are organized as village  
28 units which do not now have but need adequate facilities to  
29 serve as bases of operation for meeting, training, and storage

1 of Federal supplies and equipment issued to those units in sup-  
2 port of their assigned Federal mission; and

3 WHEREAS, it has been determined that the needs of these  
4 village units could best be met by providing them with pre-  
5 fabricated metal Arctic type buildings, fully insulated, with  
6 their own heating units and electric generators; and

7 WHEREAS, the Territorial Military Department has requested  
8 the Department of the Army to provide such facilities through  
9 100% Federal financing as authorized to reserve components of  
10 the active military establishment by provisions of Section 3 a,  
11 Public Law 783 (81st Congress) and Public Law 302 (84th Congress);

12 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
13 Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States  
14 Officers, the Chairmen of the Military Affairs Committees of the  
15 U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, and the Delegate to  
16 Congress from Alaska and the Senators and the Congressman-Elect  
17 from Alaska, to whom this Memorial is submitted, lend all pos-  
18 sible support and exert every energy within their power to  
19 approve and implement the request of the Territorial Military  
20 Department for the construction of pre-fabricated armories for  
21 the fifty-one (51) village units of the First and Second Scout  
22 Battalions of the Alaska National Guard as they carry out their  
23 special assignment in support of the active military forces of  
24 the United States.

25 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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