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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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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 REPRESENTATIVE--
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;
21 and

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

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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 directed, 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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