

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR V. PHILLIPS

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the expanded use of

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Alaska as a troop training

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center and an area for missile

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activity.

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

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WHEREAS the strategic location and the availability of vast

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land areas in Alaska are facts well established by military

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authorities; and

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WHEREAS the age of missiles has arrived and we are now

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mainly dependent on domestic sites where practice firing cannot

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be done or on overseas sites which we may be deprived of by over-

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night political changes; and

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WHEREAS in addition to affording excellent sites for missile

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installations and practice ranges, Alaska offers ideal terrain

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for troop training under conditions which would prevail in likely

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future trouble spots of the world; and

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WHEREAS the proximity of Alaska as the crossroads of the

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world to domestic military bases, our overseas bases in Europe,

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and potential areas of trouble, makes its use as the nation's

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main military training ground and testing center a military and

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economic necessity;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Defense is urged to

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take full advantage of the opportunities for military training

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and practice in Alaska by expanding those activities in Alaska

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which are now accomplished at great expense and under unsatis-

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1 factory and insecure circumstances in the less well-situated
2 states or in overseas places where our continued military
3 presence is subject to uncertainty; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed
5 to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States
6 the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Hon-
7 orable Stephen Ailes, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Paul
8 H. Nitze, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert,
9 Secretary of the Air Force; General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman,
10 Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lieutenant General Raymond J. Reeves,
11 Commander in Chief, Alaskan Command; Major General Ned. D. Moore,
12 Commanding General, U. S. Army, Alaska; Major General James C.
13 Jensen, Commander, Alaskan Air Command; Rear Admiral Robert E.
14 Riera, Commander, Alaskan Sea Frontier; and the members of the
15 Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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