

1 IN THE HOUSE BY ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the release of
6 Campbell Airstrip to the State
7 of Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS Merrill Field is fast becoming surrounded by urban
10 development of the City of Anchorage; and

11 WHEREAS air traffic at Merrill Field has expanded to the
12 point where use of the field is unreasonably dangerous, not only
13 to persons in aircraft but also to persons in the surrounding
14 urban area; and

15 WHEREAS the Campbell military airstrip and its surrounding
16 area are ideally located both for present civilian aviation needs
17 and for future development of needed civilian air facilities for
18 the Anchorage area; and

19 WHEREAS the Campbell military airstrip and its surrounding
20 area are used by the military only in occasional ground maneuvers;
21 and

22 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has given the military a permit
23 to use the adjacent Birchwood airstrip for any of its military
24 maneuvers, including those now staged at the Campbell airstrip;
25 and

26 WHEREAS the Campbell airstrip is bounded on three sides by
27 state and privately-owned property and is a strip only three miles
28 in width extending into this area;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Defense and the

1 Department of Interior are requested to release to the public
2 domain for state land selection so much of the Fort Richardson
3 Military Reservation as has not previously been released in
4 sections 34, 35, and 36, Township 13 North, Range 3 West, Seward
5 Meridian and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, Township 12 North,
6 Range 3 West, Seward Meridian; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
8 the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Stewart L.
9 Udall, Secretary of the Interior; Lieutenant General Raymond J.
10 Reeves, Commander in Chief, Alaska Military Command; and the
11 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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