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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the exploitation of fish  
6 and game in Alaska by the military.

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

8 WHEREAS the natural resources of fish and game are among the most  
9 treasured assets of Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS, although the present fish and wildlife populations can bear  
11 a reasonable harvest on a sustained yield basis, it is well-recognized that  
12 a concentrated effort of hunting and fishing in any given area works ir-  
13 reparable damage to the continued existence of the wildlife; and

14 WHEREAS it is the present practice of the military in Alaska to  
15 establish various "recreation sites" and send large planeloads of troops  
16 there for the express purpose of unrestricted hunting and fishing; and

17 WHEREAS, in the military recreation areas at the Naknek River and the  
18 Ugashik Narrows of the Alaska Peninsula, a serious decline in the amount of  
19 fish has been noted, due to over-fishing; and

20 WHEREAS, in the military recreation area at Valdez, the concentrated  
21 hunting has resulted in a marked depletion of black bears; and

22 WHEREAS these and other recreation areas in the future will in all  
23 probability result in an unusually rapid eradication of fish and game;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature requests that the activity  
25 on the part of the military maintaining recreation areas for concentrated  
26 hunting and fishing cease immediately and that no such areas be established  
27 in the future.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Melvin Laird, Secretary

1 of the Department of Defense; the Honorable Stanley R. Resor, Secretary of  
2 the Department of the Army; the Honorable John H. Chafee, Secretary of the  
3 Department of the Navy; the Honorable Harold Brown, Secretary of the Depart-  
4 ment of the Air Force; Lt. General Robert A. Breitweiser, Commander in  
5 Chief, Alaska Air Command; Admiral D.M. White, Commandant, 17th Naval  
6 District; Major General Kelly Lemmon, Commanding General, U.S. Army, Alaska;  
7 the Honorable Augie Reetz, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and  
8 Game; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S.  
9 Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members  
10 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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