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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the abolishment of the
6 Alaskan Command.

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

8 WHEREAS it has been announced that the President of the United States
9 will take action with regard to the proposed abolishment of the Alaskan
10 Command as recommended by a "Blue Ribbon Defense Panel"; and

11 WHEREAS the presence of the military has been of great importance to
12 Alaska throughout its history and especially during World War II when Alaska
13 was the only "state" to be invaded by foreign troops; and

14 WHEREAS Alaska would be in the forefront of any major invasion threat
15 to the United States; and

16 WHEREAS it is advantageous to have a single coordinated focal point for
17 all military action; and

18 WHEREAS, under the proposal to be acted upon by the President, the
19 major commands of the Army and Air Force to which they would be subordinate
20 would be located at great distances from Alaska, thereby creating unnecessary
21 delays in resolution of any serious command problem;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urgently requests the
23 President of the United States to reject this recommendation regarding the
24 Alaskan Command.

25 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
26 Nixon, President of the United States, the Honorable Melvin R. Laird, Secre-
27 tary, Department of Defense; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
28 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.
29 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.