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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the deactivation of
6 Nike-Hercules missile sites in
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the Department of Defense has announced plans to deactivate
10 certain Nike-Hercules missile batteries north of the Alaska Range; and

11 WHEREAS the deactivation of these sites will mean that Eielson Air
12 Force Base and Fort Wainwright must depend for protection on fighter inter-
13 ceptor aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS fighter interceptor protection capabilities would be extremely
15 "marginal"; and

16 WHEREAS Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright are highly strategic
17 and necessary installations in the defense system of the entire nation and
18 should have the most sophisticated and infallible defenses available; and

19 WHEREAS the military facilities in Alaska constitute the northernmost
20 outposts for the protection of this nation and would in an emergency be our
21 first line of defense;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Department of Defense
23 is urgently requested to reconsider its decision to deactivate any missile
24 batteries in Alaska and to let them remain fully operative.

25 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Melvin R.
26 Laird, Secretary, Department of Defense; the Honorable John C. Stennis, U. S.
27 Senator and Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Chairman
28 of the House Armed Services Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
29 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,

U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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