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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to United States partici-  
6 pation in the war of Southeast Asia.

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

8 WHEREAS we, as citizens of the United States and residents of Alaska,  
9 place a great value on human life and the conservation of the resources of  
10 this country and of the world; and

11 WHEREAS from 1965 to date the war in Southeast Asia has resulted in the  
12 loss of nearly one million lives of which 53,771 were United States military,  
13 131,995 were South Vietnamese military, 4,282 were allied military, 703,280  
14 were National Liberation Front and North Vietnamese military, and 26,700  
15 were South Vietnamese civilians; and

16 WHEREAS during the same period nearly one million persons have been  
17 wounded not including National Liberation Front and North Vietnamese military;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS economic costs to the United States directly attributable to our  
20 actions in the Vietnam war now amount to \$115 billion; and

21 WHEREAS the destruction of natural resources in Vietnam and other parts  
22 of Southeast Asia are, in value, many times over our own costs (to the extent  
23 of being incalculable); and

24 WHEREAS these expenditures in human and natural resources are inex-  
25 cusable under any theory thus far advanced to explain our reason for being  
26 in Southeast Asia; and

27 WHEREAS the people of Vietnam have gained nothing from the almost  
28 continuous 20 years of war in their country except immeasurable grief for  
29 their families, corruption for their government, and a single loss of hope

1 for ever recovering from this mass devastation; and

2 WHEREAS countless millions of persons in our country feel this same  
3 loss of hope, not just for the peoples and governments of Vietnam and South-  
4 east Asia but even more deeply for our own country and government when it  
5 can continue the destruction of a people and a land under the very dubious  
6 theories advanced for this continuation; and

7 WHEREAS our use of human and economic resources in pursuit of this war  
8 has lead to chronic unemployment, untold suffering and pain of the families  
9 withstanding direct losses of loved ones, uncontrolled inflation of our  
10 economy and mass unrecoverable commitments of our resources which will tell  
11 its story of woe for generations to come; and

12 WHEREAS restoration of domestic tranquillity and sensible social and  
13 economic planning demands that we admit our errors of judgment as a nation,  
14 expedite complete withdrawal of military forces in Southeast Asia and begin  
15 the task of regaining for our country and for the world the hope that has  
16 been destroyed by this exercise in futility;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska hereby most  
18 urgently requests the President of the United States and the United States  
19 Congress to take all immediate and necessary steps in removing all of our  
20 personnel and weaponry from Southeast Asia with all deliberate speed con-  
21 sistent with the safety and security of United States military personnel;  
22 and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska respect-  
24 fully requests the President of the United States and the United States  
25 Congress to take all steps necessary to join with other nations to rebuild  
26 and rehabilitate South Vietnam from the ravages of war through a United  
27 Nations common effort.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Spiro T. Agnew, Vice

1 President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable  
2 Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to the Honorable  
3 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable  
4 Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
5 Congress.

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