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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the murder conviction  
6 of Lt. William Calley, Jr.

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

8 WHEREAS for many years past and continuing to the present time, many  
9 thousands of American servicemen have served and are serving in Southeast  
10 Asia; and

11 WHEREAS the military personnel in Vietnam and other areas of Southeast  
12 Asia are there because of the judgment of the political and military leaders  
13 of the United States that the defense of Southeast Asia is of vital impor-  
14 tance, not only to the United States, but to the continued sanctity of the  
15 "free world" as we know it today; and

16 WHEREAS these many thousands of loyal Americans who have served, and  
17 are serving in Southeast Asia, as well as those countless numbers who have  
18 given their lives, have earned the gratitude of all Americans; and

19 WHEREAS, of necessity, these men, the majority of whom would prefer to  
20 be back with their families and other loved ones, have been trained to kill  
21 and have been told a thousand times over that the enemy in Southeast Asia  
22 is often indistinguishable; and

23 WHEREAS existence in this totally unrealistic world, unrealistic as we  
24 know it, soon becomes for our many combat troops the only "real" world they  
25 know or remember; and

26 WHEREAS in every war or combat action in history innocent persons have  
27 been injured, killed, or otherwise misused; and

28 WHEREAS, if there is guilt to be established or blame to be placed for  
29 Lt. Calley's actions on that fateful day in 1968, it must be shared and

1 shouldered by the nation and its citizens as a whole; and

2 WHEREAS Lt. Calley must not be permitted to be the sacrificial lamb for  
3 the equal guilt, if guilt there be, of others;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it expresses its opposi-  
5 tion to the conviction of Lt. William Calley, Jr.; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States is urgently  
7 requested to immediately grant a full pardon to Lt. William Calley.

8 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
9 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Melvin R. Laird,  
10 Secretary of the Department of Defense; Lt. William Calley, Jr.; and to the  
11 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and  
12 the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska dele-  
13 gation in Congress.

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