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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 108

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the federal government to
6 remove all World War II debris from
7 the Aleutian Islands.

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

9 WHEREAS almost 30 years have gone by since the conclusion of World
10 War II; and

11 WHEREAS even after that extended period of time the Aleutian Islands
12 are literally covered with debris left as stark reminders of the massive
13 presence of our armed forces in the Aleutians during World War II; and

14 WHEREAS the presence of this assorted litter is not only aesthetically
15 displeasing but in many cases creates potential hazards to the citizens of
16 Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS a concerted effort is required by the federal government in
18 order to remove from the physical environment the remnants of days long
19 past; and

20 WHEREAS the complete removal of debris from the Aleutians by the
21 federal government would be in line with current environmental policies
22 and laws of the government;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the federal government
24 is urgently requested to take all immediate necessary action to restore the
25 Aleutian Islands to their natural state as nearly as may be possible, except
26 that this request does not encompass the removal of buildings or other
27 facilities that are being maintained and utilized.

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

1 Secretary, Department of Defense; the Honorable Robert L. Kunzig, Adminis-
2 trator, General Services Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
3 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Nick
4 Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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