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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 124 *am S*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the designation of a
6 national cemetery at Fort Richardson,
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS there are several thousand citizens of Alaska who are veterans
10 of World War I, World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts; and

11 WHEREAS a veteran and his wife are entitled to interment in a national
12 cemetery; and

13 WHEREAS there is only one national cemetery in Alaska, located in Sitka,
14 and far removed from the most populous portion of the state; and

15 WHEREAS the Sitka cemetery at the present time has only 69 burial
16 spaces left; and

17 WHEREAS the substantial savings in transportation and burial expenses
18 resulting from the designation of a site in the most populated area of the
19 state would considerably enhance the interment benefits to which an Alaskan
20 veteran is entitled; and

21 WHEREAS the Fort Richardson post cemetery, located near the state's
22 population centers, would be an ideal location for a national cemetery and
23 there is available a large amount of acreage for future expansion;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Army is requested to designate
25 the Fort Richardson post cemetery as a national cemetery.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
27 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Robert F. Froehlke,
28 Secretary of the Army; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
29 Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative,

1 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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