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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed abolition of
6 the Alaskan Command as a unified
7 command.

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

9 WHEREAS a "Blue Ribbon Defense Panel" has issued a report recommending
10 streamlining of the structure of the Department of Defense; and

11 WHEREAS this report, known as the Fitzhugh Report, recommends abolition
12 of the Alaskan Command as a unified command, shifting it partially to Hawaii
13 and partially to the "South 48"; and

14 WHEREAS the Alaska Command has always been held in the highest respect
15 and World War II vividly demonstrated the need for a unified command struc-
16 ture in Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS Alaska has been and remains as the recognized frontline defense
18 of the North American continent; and

19 WHEREAS the recommendations made by the Fitzhugh Report would act as a
20 diminution of the commands influence, destroy what is never an efficient
21 operating entity, all with the ultimate result being a potentially endanger-
22 ing situation for the national security;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that every possible
24 effort be taken by our Congressional and State leaders to prevent the
25 implementation of the Fitzhugh Report with respect to the proposed fragmenta-
26 tion of the Alaska Command.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Melvin R. Laird,
29 Secretary of the Department of Defense; the Honorable Allen J. Ellender,

1 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the
2 Honorable John C. Stennis, U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Armed
3 Services Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, U. S. Representative and
4 Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; the Chairman of the House
5 Armed Services Committee; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
6 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Repre-
7 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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