

Introduced: 3/16/72
Referred: State Affairs

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Commending the military forces in
6 the Fairbanks area.

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

8 WHEREAS the military in the Fairbanks area has, since the earliest days,
9 contributed much to the cultural enrichment and economic development of the
10 Golden Heartland; and

11 WHEREAS the military community has suffered more than its share of
12 public harassment and obstructionist tactics designed to impede their duty
13 of protecting our nation and of keeping up a high level of training and
14 readiness for any emergency; and

15 WHEREAS the most recent example is criticism by some of the utilization
16 of the Blair Lakes bombing and gunnery range; and

17 WHEREAS the Blair Lakes range has been designated a military reserva-
18 tion for more than 30 years and has been used to train U.S. servicemen in
19 the techniques and sophistication of modern warfare, knowledge of which is
20 vital to the self-preservation of Alaska and the nation in case of adversity;
21 and

22 WHEREAS the civilian use of military reservations, including the Blair
23 Lakes range, has been and continues to be a courtesy extended to the civilian
24 community, not a right, wherever it is practicable; and

25 WHEREAS the civilian community continues to benefit from the presence
26 of the military community in many ways and enjoys many things which would not
27 be available if it were not for the continued military presence; and

28 WHEREAS the need for the military to conduct its operations on its
29 reservations without the interference of the civilian population is vital to

Am

1 its operations in the north, as well as all other locations;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it expresses its
3 appreciation to the military for all its efforts generally to constantly have
4 the capacity of protecting our nation and at the same time thanks the
5 military for its many contributions to the cultural and economic life of all
6 of our respective communities, including Fairbanks, Alaska.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
8 Nixon, President of the United States; Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr., Secretary,
9 Department of the Air Force; Col. E. H. Ambrose, Commander, Eielson Air
10 Force Base; Col. A. C. Mathews, District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of
11 Engineers, Alaska District; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
12 Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative,
13 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.