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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting the United States

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Congress to reject gun legislation.

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

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WHEREAS the United States Congress has already passed numerous firearms

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Acts; and

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WHEREAS these Acts already provide sufficient protection against the

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criminal element with regard to firearms; and

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WHEREAS further legislation to restrict the possession of firearms would

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as a practical matter have no deterrent effect on the acquisition of fire-

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arms by criminals; and

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WHEREAS the only result of further legislation in this field would be

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to greatly inconvenience the lawful citizen and infringe upon his right to

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bear arms; and

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WHEREAS the enactment of legislation to restrict the possession of

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firearms would open the door to a black market in guns, promote graft and

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corruption, and thus increase, not diminish, crime; and

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WHEREAS over-reaction to tragic events in this nation often leads to the

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enactment of poorly considered legislation which does not go to the root of

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the problems leading up to the tragedy and more often than not places insup-

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portable burdens on the innocent public at large;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully

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requested to reject any legislation at this time which would restrict in

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any form a person's right to possess firearms.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

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Nixon, President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and

1 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,  
2 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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