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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the exclusion of Alaska from  
6 federal gun control legislation.

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

8 WHEREAS other states do not share the unique problems of Alaska relat-  
9 ing to the possession of firearms; and

10 WHEREAS the possession and responsible use of firearms in Alaska has  
11 long been established; and

12 WHEREAS for many persons in Alaska the utilization of firearms is a  
13 necessity in their day-to-day living to provide for a subsistence way of life;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS many persons in the state engaged in outdoor recreational  
16 activity must carry firearms for their own protection; and

17 WHEREAS these circumstances are not shared by other states for which  
18 strict gun control and registration may be very appropriate; and

19 WHEREAS adequate penalties for the commission of crimes with a danger-  
20 ous weapon already exist in our state law;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, recognizing the sub-  
22 sistence needs of its citizens and in furtherance of its regulatory scheme,  
23 respectfully requests that Alaska and other states with comprehensive laws  
24 and regulations regarding the use of firearms be excluded from federal  
25 legislation which would prohibit or limit the use of firearms.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R.  
27 Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Albert, Speaker of  
28 the House of Representatives; the Honorable James O. Eastland, President  
29 Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Edward Levi, Attorney General of

1 the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike  
2 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,  
3 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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