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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the closing of the Blair Lakes

6 Bombing and Gunnery Range.

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

8 WHEREAS the protection and perpetuation of fish and game and of wild-
9 life habitats are a major concern to all Alaskans; and

10 WHEREAS the Blair Lakes Bombing and Gunnery Range encompasses a vast
11 area of great natural beauty and serves as a vital habitat for many species
12 of wildlife; and

13 WHEREAS, since the establishment of the range, bombing activities and
14 other operations within the boundaries of the range have caused frequent
15 forest fires resulting in air pollution and the senseless destruction of
16 this land area and the wildlife it maintains; and

17 WHEREAS bombing and gunnery activities on the range constitute a great
18 potential danger to the safety and well-being of persons living near the
19 range as evidenced by the fact that a Fairbanks residential area has been
20 accidentally struck by live rockets;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Blair Lakes
22 Bombing and Gunnery Range be closed immediately and that an environmental
23 impact statement be prepared including a study of the availability of alter-
24 native sites in Alaska or Canada which are more remote and of less signifi-
25 cance as scenic areas and wildlife habitats.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
27 President of the United States; the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of
28 the Department of Defense; the Honorable James W. Plummer, Acting Secretary,
29 Department of the Air Force; the Honorable Martin R. Hoffman, Secretary,

1 Department of the Army; Lieutenant General William C. Gribble, Jr., Chief
2 Engineer, Army Corps of Engineers; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
3 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
4 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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