

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the disposal of M1 rifles by

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the Department of Defense.

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

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WHEREAS for many years it was the policy of the United States government

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to foster and promote the art of military rifle marksmanship within the

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civilian population of this country; and

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WHEREAS our national security has traditionally been based on a prepared

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citizenry and the practice of marksmanship offers significant recreational

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opportunities; and

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WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Alaska State Legislature that

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the Department of Defense is in the process of destroying many thousands of

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surplus M1 rifles; and

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WHEREAS these rifles could be sold to qualified civilians rather than

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disposed of at taxpayer expense;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of

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Defense is strongly requested to stop the outrageously wasteful practice of

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destroying surplus M1 rifles and institute a meaningful program to make them

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available to deserving Americans.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,

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President of the United States; the Honorable Harold Brown, Secretary of

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Defense; the Honorable John C. Stennis, Senate Committee on Armed Services;

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the Honorable Melvin Price, House Committee on Armed Services; and the

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Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the

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Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation

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in Congress.

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