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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the exclusion of Alaska
6 from 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 relating
9 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
14 life; and

15 WHEREAS many persons in the state engaged in outdoor recreational acti-
16 vity 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 dangerous
20 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 be excluded from federal legislation which
24 would prohibit or limit the use of firearms.

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
26 President of the United States; the Honorable Griffin B. Bell, Attorney
27 General of the United States; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker
28 of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, President
29 Pro Tempore of the Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable

1 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
2 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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