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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27 am

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 and regulation.

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

9 WHEREAS the right of the people to keep and bear arms is guaranteed by
10 the Constitution of the United States of America; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS many persons in the state engaged in outdoor recreational acti-
17 vity must carry firearms for their own protection; and

18 WHEREAS adequate penalties for the commission of crimes with a dangerous
19 weapon already exist in our state law; and

20 WHEREAS each individual has a natural right to protect his or her life,
21 liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness, the ownership of firearms
22 is an extension of this right;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, recognizing the sub-
24 sistence and other needs of its citizens, respectfully requests that Alaska
25 be excluded from federal legislation and regulation which would prohibit
26 or limit the use of firearms.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
28 President of the United States; the Honorable Griffin B. Bell, Attorney
29 General of the United States; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker

1 of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, President
2 Pro Tempore of the Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
3 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
4 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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