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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Opposing reinstatement of registra-
6 tion for the military draft.

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

8 WHEREAS the true strength of the United States lies in its citizens'
9 willingness to defend those freedoms which they are able to enjoy; and

10 WHEREAS compulsory registration for the military draft is not morally
11 distinguishable from the draft itself; and

12 WHEREAS the military draft is a form of involuntary servitude which
13 abrogates the very freedoms that give the United States its greatest strength
14 and virtue; and

15 WHEREAS reinstatement of military draft registration will both inter-
16 nally weaken the American spirit and make foreign military involvements more
17 likely; and

18 WHEREAS, if the United States was subjected to enemy attack or its vital
19 interests endangered, its people would willingly fight to protect it; and

20 WHEREAS the American people have experienced the effects of the military
21 draft and foreign military involvement during the Vietnam war and are still
22 recovering from them; and

23 WHEREAS the military service is a profession which, if adequately com-
24 pensated, would become a highly effective, fully prepared, voluntary defender
25 of freedom unequalled in the world; and

26 WHEREAS were it not for America's claimed dependence on oil from the
27 Mideast, the stated reasons for reinstating the military draft would not
28 exist; and

29 WHEREAS Alaska holds oil reserves and other energy resources, which if

1 developed would end America's claimed dependence on oil from the Mideast;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature is opposed to compul-
3 sory draft registration as required by President Carter and urges that the
4 Congress of the United States reject reinstatement of any form of compulsory
5 national service.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
7 President of the United States; to all members of Congress, and to all state
8 governors.

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