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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to improving the defensive

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capabilities of the Alaska Command.

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

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WHEREAS the Alaska Command of the U.S. Department of Defense is respon-

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sible for the defense of Alaska, including its oil fields which are essential

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to the economic and military security of the nation; and

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WHEREAS the security of our nation greatly depends on the effective use

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of the buffer provided by the military presence in Alaska; and

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WHEREAS Soviet intermediate range ballistic missiles, if positioned on

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the Chukotsky Peninsula in Siberia, have the capability to strike Alaska;

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WHEREAS the F-4 aircraft currently used by the Alaska Command are

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outmoded and should be replaced by twin-engine F-15 aircraft which are more

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suited to the Alaska environment; and

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WHEREAS the air warfare warning system is designed for use with aircraft

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not currently used by the Alaska Command; and

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WHEREAS the Joint Task Force training operations in Alaska have been

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curtailed in recent years; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska Command cannot effectively perform its defensive

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mission without modernization of its defense systems;

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

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United States and Congress are respectfully requested to take immediate

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action to improve the defensive capabilities of the Alaska Command by

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providing additional personnel, equipment, and training.

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

1 President of the United States; the Honorable Harold Brown, Secretary of the
2 Department of Defense; General David C. Jones, U.S.A.F., Chairman of the
3 Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Edward C. Meyer, Chief of Staff of the U.S.
4 Army; Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, Chief of Naval Operations; General Lew
5 Allen, Jr., Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force; General Robert H. Barrow,
6 Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps; Admiral John B. Hayes, Commandant of the
7 U.S. Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
8 Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
9 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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