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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Recognizing the service of Vietnam
6 war veterans and calling on the
7 federal government to establish
8 programs benefiting those veterans.

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

10 WHEREAS veterans of the Vietnam war served our country with honor and
11 distinction in the face of extraordinary circumstances including a lack of
12 popular support from the United States civilian population; and

13 WHEREAS neither the United States government nor the government of the
14 State of Alaska has properly acknowledged or provided for Vietnam war veter-
15 ans; and

16 WHEREAS the United States government has not provided benefits, allow-
17 ances, and remuneration commensurate with those provided veterans of other
18 conflicts to veterans of the Vietnam war;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United
20 States government to reinstate all benefits and allowances in force during
21 the Vietnam war for all Vietnam war veterans regardless of time elapsed
22 since separation from active duty; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States government is urged to reactiv-
24 ate discharge review boards, and make all efforts to provide case by case
25 corrective measures for other than honorably discharged Vietnam veterans;
26 and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States government is urged to establish
28 a Vietnam war veterans' bonus program awarding those veterans a one-time
29 cash bonus; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature endorses state participation in
2 programs which will emphasize or supplement federal assistance programs for
3 Vietnam war veterans.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
5 President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, President of the
6 United States Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the
7 United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
8 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
9 U.S. Representative, Members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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