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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 (State Affairs)

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

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

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

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

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature deplores and decries the most  
28 recent actions of the federal administration to cut or eliminate major  
29 programs that provide services to the Vietnam veteran, and urges immediate

1 action to rescind those cuts; and be it

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

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