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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to military maneuvers in
6 Alaska on federally managed land.

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

8 WHEREAS the training and combat-readiness of the United States military
9 is vital to the defense of this country; and

10 WHEREAS the federal government now controls and will continue to control
11 for the foreseeable future more than 60 percent of the land in Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS the movement upon and use of federally controlled land by the
13 citizens of Alaska have been severely restricted by federal actions over the
14 past decade; and

15 WHEREAS the relatively small amount of state controlled land will
16 suffer from heavier use demands and pressures through normal development and
17 population growth; and

18 WHEREAS United States military maneuvers have as detrimental an impact
19 on the environment of land areas controlled by the State of Alaska as on
20 land controlled by the federal government; and

21 WHEREAS current federal regulations prohibit military maneuvers held in
22 Alaska on federal lands, other than military reservations, and thus force
23 most maneuvers to be conducted on state land;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
25 the United States government to allow and whenever possible to conduct
26 military maneuvers and training scheduled to be held in Alaska on federal
27 land, including National Park, National Forest, National Wildlife Refuge,
28 and Bureau of Land Management land.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar W.

1 Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James G. Watts, Secretary of
2 the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
3 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
4 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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