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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Opposing reinstatement of compulsory
6 national service or registration for
7 the military draft.

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS military draft registration and the draft itself will both
17 internally weaken the American spirit and make foreign military involvements
18 more likely; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS the military service is a profession which, if adequately
26 compensated, would become a highly effective, fully prepared, voluntary
27 defender of freedom unequalled in the world; and

28 WHEREAS President Reagan has recently proposed military pay increases
29 and Congressional proposals have called for exemption of military pay from

1 federal income taxation;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature is opposed to compul-
3 sory draft registration and urges that the Congress of the United States
4 reject reinstatement of any form of compulsory national service; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses proposals
6 to increase military pay or to exempt military pay from federal income
7 taxation so that personnel can be attracted to maintain a superior military
8 force without a draft or draft registration.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Thomas P.
10 O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the
11 Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate;
12 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
13 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
14 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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