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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Opposing the deployment of MX missiles  
6 in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Department of Defense is considering locating  
9 MX Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) in deep underground bases in  
10 Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS the United States Air Force, the Defense Nuclear Agency and the  
12 Alaska tunnel mining industry apparently are considering the use of nuclear  
13 explosives to excavate one or more mountains in which to deploy the missiles;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS the MX missile is a strategic weapon designed to destroy Soviet  
16 missile silos and other "hardened" targets; and

17 WHEREAS deployment of MX missiles in Alaska would make the state a  
18 target for a Soviet preemptive missile attack; and

19 WHEREAS a final decision on the MX basing mode is due in July 1983;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of the  
21 United States is respectfully requested to direct the Secretary of Defense  
22 and the Secretary of the Air Force to eliminate Alaska from consideration as  
23 a basing site for MX missiles; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Alaska Congressional delegation use  
25 every means available to them to prevent or discourage the deployment of MX  
26 missiles in Alaska and the use of nuclear excavation techniques to deploy the  
27 missiles.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,  
29 President of the United States; the Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary

1 of Defense; the Honorable Verne Orr, Secretary of the Air Force; and the  
2 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and  
3 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-  
4 tion in Congress.

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