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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to actions of the Bolivian
6 government.

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

8 WHEREAS the military regime headed by General Luis Garcia Meza has in-
9 terrupted Bolivia's progress toward democracy and constitutional government
10 by overthrowing a civilian interim government on July 17, 1980; and

11 WHEREAS the Bolivian regime has allegedly engaged in mass arrests,
12 torture, repression of civil rights, executions, censorship, religious
13 harassment, and violence inflicted on the people of Bolivia; and

14 WHEREAS the continued suppression of civil and human rights is generat-
15 ing support for communism as an alternative form of government; and

16 WHEREAS the Bolivian regime is reported by the United States State
17 Department to have significant connections with drug traffickers; and

18 WHEREAS Amnesty International has estimated that at least 1,000 arrests
19 have been made in Bolivia since July 17, 1980, and has requested that the
20 Bolivian government compile and release a list of persons imprisoned or
21 killed; and

22 WHEREAS the United Nations International Labor Organization has asked
23 the Bolivian regime for permission to investigate alleged violations of
24 trade union rights; and

25 WHEREAS the Bolivian regime has reportedly detained and harassed jour-
26 nalists from other countries, including the United States; and

27 WHEREAS the United States State Department has reported that the
28 Bolivian regime has threatened by implication United States citizens in
29 Bolivia; and

1 WHEREAS the United States State Department has taken steps against the
2 regime in Bolivia, including terminating military assistance, curtailing
3 economic assistance, and reducing the official United States presence in La
4 Paz;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports United States
6 Representative Richard L. Ottinger's resolution urging that the United
7 States not reestablish at a normal level an official presence in Bolivia and
8 not furnish any military or economic assistance which has been terminated
9 since the Bolivian regime assumed power on July 17, 1980, unless the Presi-
10 dent determines that civil rights have been restored to the people of Bolivia,
11 United States citizens who have been detained for political reasons have
12 been released and the Bolivian regime has promised that no reprisals will be
13 taken against them, the democratic process has been restored in Bolivia, and
14 the reported involvement of the Bolivian regime in international drug con-
15 spiracies has been properly assessed.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
17 President of the United States; the Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, U.S.
18 Representative, and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
19 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
20 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.