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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the United States Army to  
6 relinquish the Known Distance Rifle  
7 Range land to the Bureau of Land  
8 Management so that it may be avail-  
9 able for state selection.

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

11 WHEREAS available locations for the safe use of firearms near larger  
12 cities are rapidly being eliminated; and

13 WHEREAS the criteria for safe rifle range placement and development are  
14 very restrictive; and

15 WHEREAS the area of Fort Wainwright known as the Known Distance Rifle  
16 Range receives very little official use by the United States Army for train-  
17 ing; and

18 WHEREAS the location of the Known Distance Rifle Range has excellent  
19 all weather access from the Richardson Highway; and

20 WHEREAS the military land adjacent to the Known Distance Rifle Range  
21 mean that there is little chance of a future land use conflict; and

22 WHEREAS the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association has agreed to under-  
23 take the construction and operation of an outdoor shooting complex in the  
24 Fairbanks area; and

25 WHEREAS the Known Distance Rifle Range has been used for the promotion  
26 of rifle training and National Rifle Association-approved matches by the  
27 Tanana Valley Sportsmen for the past six seasons;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
29 Army is requested to relinquish the Known Distance Rifle Range land to the

1 Bureau of Land Management so that it may be available for state selection.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Casper  
3 Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of  
4 the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
5 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
6 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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