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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Opposing the reestablishment of the
6 House Unamerican Activities Commit-
7 tee.

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

9 WHEREAS efforts are underway by some members of Congress to establish a
10 committee with functions and goals similar to the infamous House Unamerican
11 Activities Committee; and

12 WHEREAS during the McCarthy era the activities of the House Unamerican
13 Activities Committee infringed on the civil rights and civil liberties of
14 Americans; and

15 WHEREAS the activities of the House Unamerican Activities Committee
16 stimulated and furthered character assassination and blacklisting; and

17 WHEREAS the activities and nature of such a committee are inappropriate
18 in a free and democratic society;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the
20 Congress of the United States not establish a committee with functions and
21 goals similar to the former House Unamerican Activities Committee; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
24 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
25 delegation in Congress, to oppose in every way possible the establishment of
26 any committee similar to the House Unamerican Activities Committee of the
27 McCarthy era.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, Vice
29 President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable

1 Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Speaker of the House; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
2 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
3 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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