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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the President of the United
6 States to propose an international
7 freeze on nuclear weapons, verification
8 safeguards for the freeze, the use of
9 nuclear weapons funds for peaceful
10 nonnuclear uses, and nuclear disarmament
11 by all nations; and requesting the state
12 Congressional delegation to urge the
13 president to make the proposals.

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

15 WHEREAS the unleashing of nuclear weapons in warfare would cause
16 untold deaths, suffering, and destruction; and

17 WHEREAS the continued development, testing, and production of nuclear
18 weaponry and related delivery systems increase distrust and apprehension
19 among nations, the likelihood of nuclear accidents, and the potential
20 magnitude of any international conflict; and

21 WHEREAS the burgeoning defense budget required for production and
22 deployment of nuclear weapons increases the United States budget deficit;
23 and

24 WHEREAS governmental funds spent for nuclear weaponry and related
25 delivery systems may be used more wisely for peaceful pursuits;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of
27 the United States is respectfully requested to propose to the Soviet Union
28 and other nations

29 (1) a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment

1 of nuclear weapons and of missiles, watercraft, and aircraft designed
2 primarily to delivery nuclear weapons;

3 (2) verification safeguards for the freeze that are satisfactory
4 to all parties; and

5 (3) eventual nuclear disarmament by all nations; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the requested freeze is mutually agreed upon
7 and the Soviet Union conclusively proves that it has frozen all nuclear
8 testing, production, and deployment, the President of the United States is
9 respectfully requested to propose that funds that would have been used for
10 nuclear military purposes be used for peaceful nonnuclear uses; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska delegation in Congress is respectfull-
12 ly requested to urge President Reagan to make the proposals requested in
13 this resolution.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
15 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Shultz, U.S.
16 Secretary of State; the Honorable Robert Byrd, Majority Leader of the U.S.
17 Senate; the Honorable Thomas Foley, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of
18 Representatives; and to 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.