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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21 (State Affairs)  
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, beginning with  
6 a verifiable and enforceable treaty between the Soviet Union and the United  
7 States that provides for

8 (A) a nuclear-weapon-free Arctic and subarctic encompassing  
9 Alaska and Siberia; and

10 (B) eventual expansion into a multilateral treaty involving  
11 all nations with territory and claims in the Arctic and subarctic; and  
12 be it

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

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska delegation in Congress is respectful-  
19 ly requested to urge President Reagan to make the proposals requested in  
20 this resolution.

21 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
22 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Shultz, U.S.  
23 Secretary of State; the Honorable Robert Byrd, Majority Leader of the U.S.  
24 Senate; the Honorable Thomas Foley, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of  
25 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
26 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
27 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.