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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to resident hire on United
6 States Department of Defense projects at
7 Amchitka Island, Shemya Island, and
8 Adak.

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

10 WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one
11 of the highest in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS the number of state residents who are unable to find work is
13 considerably higher than is reflected by unemployment rates based on na-
14 tionally accepted measures, in part because many rural state residents who
15 wish to work do not seek employment as frequently as necessary to meet
16 federal definitions of unemployment because of continuing lack of employ-
17 ment opportunities in rural areas of the state; and

18 WHEREAS chronic unemployment leads to severe social problems including
19 alcoholism and domestic violence; and

20 WHEREAS the state has one of the highest ratios of nonresident to
21 resident workers in the nation; and

22 WHEREAS nonresident workers displace a substantial number of qual-
23 ified, available, unemployed Alaska workers; and

24 WHEREAS section 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act contained
25 requirements for local hire on Department of Defense contracts in Alaska;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, in 1987, section 9069 of the conference report to House Joint
28 Resolution 738 contained requirements for local hire on Department of
29 Defense contracts in Alaska; and

1 WHEREAS section 8046 of the 1988 Defense Appropriation Act contains
2 requirements for local hire on Department of Defense contracts in Alaska;
3 and

4 WHEREAS employment in the Aleutian Islands is intensely seasonal and
5 the region suffers from the effects of the high unemployment rate; and

6 WHEREAS the Amchitka Island, Shemya Island, and Adak projects of the
7 Department of Defense are located in the Aleutian Islands;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the De-
9 partment of Defense to comply with the Alaska hire provisions of the
10 federal legislation; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Department of Defense
12 to encourage Alaskans, including residents of the Aleutian Islands, to
13 apply for work on the Amchitka Island, Shemya Island, and Adak projects and
14 to give preference to them in hiring for the project.

15 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank C.
16 Carlucci, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James H. Webb, Jr., Secretary
17 of the United States Navy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
18 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
19 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.