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1 IN THE SENATE

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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the presence of the United

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States military in Alaska.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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WHEREAS the United States military presence in Alaska was considered

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to be the major industry in Alaska in the early days of statehood and today

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provides a solid economic foundation; and

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WHEREAS in 1987, the military accounted for 13.4 percent of the

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state's population and the jobs created by the military continue to be an

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even larger percentage of the jobs in the state, given the numerous ci-

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vilian personnel employed by the military; and

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WHEREAS military personnel support the local economy by purchasing

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goods and supplies in local markets and by employing local contractors for

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many projects; and

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WHEREAS military personnel and their families purchase homes in

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Alaska, thus supporting the Alaskan economy; and

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WHEREAS increased military presence will help in Alaska's economic

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recovery; and

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WHEREAS Alaska's military presence is necessary for national security;

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WHEREAS Alaska's strategic location allows rapid deployment of United

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States military forces throughout the world; and

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WHEREAS the federal government can help build a more diversified state

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economy by recognizing Alaska's strategic importance;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate continues to support military presence

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in Alaska and welcomes military personnel of all branches as residents of

1 our fine state and thanks them for their sacrifices on behalf of our state
2 and nation.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank
4 Carlucci, Secretary of Defense; Mr. Edward C. Aldridge, Jr., Secretary of
5 the Air Force; Mr. William L. Ball III, Secretary of the Navy; Mr. James R.
6 Ambrose, Secretary of the Army; General Joseph Palastra, United States Army
7 Forces Command; Major General Johnnie Corns, U.S. Army Alaska, Sixth Infan-
8 try Division (Light); the Honorable Sam Nunn, Chairman, United States
9 Senate Armed Services Committee; the Honorable Les Aspin, Chairman, United
10 States House Armed Services Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
11 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
12 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.