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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the presence of the United  
6 States military in Alaska.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS the United States military presence in Alaska was considered  
9 to be the major industry in Alaska in the early days of statehood and today  
10 provides a solid economic foundation; and

11 WHEREAS in 1987, the military accounted for 13.4 percent of the  
12 state's population and the jobs created by the military continue to be an  
13 even larger percentage of the jobs in the state, given the numerous ci-  
14 vilian personnel employed by the military; and

15 WHEREAS military personnel support the local economy by purchasing  
16 goods and supplies in local markets and by employing local contractors for  
17 many projects; and

18 WHEREAS military personnel and their families purchase homes in  
19 Alaska, thus supporting the Alaskan economy; and

20 WHEREAS increased military presence will help in Alaska's economic  
21 recovery; and

22 WHEREAS the military does play an essential role in the search and  
23 rescue efforts of Alaskan citizens; and

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

26 WHEREAS Alaska's strategic location allows rapid deployment of United  
27 States military forces throughout the world; and

28 WHEREAS the federal government can help build a more diversified state  
29 economy by recognizing Alaska's strategic importance;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate continues to support military presence  
2 in Alaska and welcomes military personnel of all branches as residents of  
3 our fine state and thanks them for their sacrifices on behalf of our state  
4 and nation.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank  
6 Carlucci, Secretary of Defense; Mr. Edward C. Aldridge, Jr., Secretary of  
7 the Air Force; Mr. William L. Ball III, Secretary of the Navy; Mr. James R.  
8 Ambrose, Secretary of the Army; General Joseph Palastra, United States Army  
9 Forces Command; Commandant General A. M. Gray, United States Marine Corps;  
10 Commandant Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr., United States Coast Guard; Major  
11 General Johnnie Corns, U.S. Army Alaska, Sixth Infantry Division (Light);  
12 Major General John Schaeffer, Alaska National Guard; the Honorable Sam  
13 Nunn, Chairman, United States Senate Armed Services Committee; the Honor-  
14 able Les Aspin, Chairman, United States House Armed Services Committee; and  
15 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Sena-  
16 tors, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
17 Alaska delegation in Congress.