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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22 (HESS)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Relating to schools on military bases.  
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
7 WHEREAS schools located on Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, Fort  
8 Greeley, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, Adak Naval  
9 Station, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support Center are operated by the  
10 local school district or rural educational attendance area; and  
11 WHEREAS the federal government owns these schools; and  
12 WHEREAS most of these school buildings are significantly below build-  
13 ing standards when compared to other schools within these areas; and  
14 WHEREAS the local school districts are expressly prohibited from  
15 conducting major maintenance or selling general obligation bonds to raise  
16 money for these schools; and  
17 WHEREAS the state has appropriated funds to provide for the mainte-  
18 nance of these schools at a time when state revenue is in severe decline;  
19 and  
20 WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid has  
21 made a commitment to provide major assistance for school maintenance; and  
22 WHEREAS schools on military bases in the state are the second highest  
23 national priority of the U.S. Department of Education; and  
24 WHEREAS repairs by the federal government may not begin for another  
25 two to three years due to a federal program of resurveying maintenance  
26 needs at these schools, known as the Dole Study; and  
27 WHEREAS parents of children attending these schools believe their  
28 children could receive better treatment and that federal officials have not  
29 been responsive to their concerns;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the federal gov-  
2 ernment is requested to carry out its responsibility for necessary replace-  
3 ment, repair, or upgrade work on schools located on Fort Richardson, Fort  
4 Wainwright, Fort Greely, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base,  
5 Adak Naval Station, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support Center; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that after necessary replacement, repair, or upgrade  
7 work is completed consideration should be given to transferring ownership  
8 of the schools to those local school districts that desire to assume owner-  
9 ship or to the state.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,  
11 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of  
12 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim  
13 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Daniel  
14 K. Inouye, U.S. Senator and chair of the defense subcommittee of the Senate  
15 appropriations committee; the Honorable John P. Murtha, U.S. Representative  
16 and chair of the defense subcommittee of the House appropriation committee;  
17 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,  
18 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
19 delegation in Congress; the Honorable John Tower, acting Secretary of the  
20 U.S. Department of Defense; the Honorable Lauro Cavazos, Secretary of the  
21 U.S. Department of Education; the Honorable William G. Demmert, Commis-  
22 sioner of the Alaska Department of Education; and to the superintendents of  
23 the Anchorage, Kodiak, and Fairbanks school districts and the Adak and Del-  
24 ta/Greely regional educational attendance areas.