

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the Congress to enact legis-

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lation requiring local hire on work

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associated with cleanup operations

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following disasters.

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

10 WHEREAS, in recent years, the nation has experienced several signifi-
11 cant disasters that required the intervention or assistance of federal
12 agencies in the recovery effort, some of which were caused by nature and
13 others by human activity; and

14 WHEREAS local residents in the area of a disaster suffer by loss of
15 valuable aesthetic, personal, and economic resources, including loss of
16 life or physical injury, and loss of property, employment, and industry;
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18 WHEREAS a successful and efficient cleanup operation following a
19 disaster depends in large part on a qualified and experienced workforce of
20 sufficient size to respond promptly to the threatened harm; and

21 WHEREAS local residents of an area are uniquely qualified to assist in
22 a cleanup operation because of their specific experience and knowledge of
23 the area in which they reside; and

24 WHEREAS it is in the public interest to ensure that local residents,
25 who are most likely to have suffered economic losses from the disaster,
26 have an opportunity to offset their losses by employment in the cleanup
27 operations;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to
29 enact legislation to ensure, for disasters requiring the intervention of

1 federal agencies, that local residents receive an employment preference in
2 the cleanup operations conducted by the federal agencies, and that the
3 agencies involved in the cleanup effort consider the advantage of employing
4 the local workforce before considering importing any other group, including
5 a military group.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,
7 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
8 Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to
9 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
10 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
11 delegation in Congress.