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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 86

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting the United States Congress to

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review a proposal to eradicate opium-

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producing poppy crops in Burma.

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

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WHEREAS the national policy to eradicate the illicit trafficking and
10 abuse of drugs is a high priority shared by the state and the federal
11 government; and

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WHEREAS after 30 years of anti-drug enforcement programs costing
13 billions of dollars, drug abuse still flourishes throughout the United
14 States causing physical and emotional misery to its citizens; and

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WHEREAS the chain of supply and demand for illegal drugs is an inter-
16 national phenomenon involving the economic, political, social, and cultural
17 imperatives of many countries; and

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WHEREAS the people of the United States have endured the ineffectual
19 policies of the United States Department of State and now desire new ini-
20 tiatives to decrease the supply and demand of illegal drugs; and

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WHEREAS a new initiative proposed by General Khun Sa of the Tai Revo-
22 lutionary Council of Burma offers to eradicate the primary source of opium
23 in Burma in exchange for crop substitution assistance, foreign aid, and
24 diplomatic support from the United States; and

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WHEREAS the Burmese area involved in the cultivation of opium-pro-
26 ducing poppy plants is also an area where United States prisoners of war
27 are reported to be held in captivity; and

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WHEREAS General Khun Sa has also offered to assist the United States
29 in obtaining the return of its prisoners of war;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United
2 States Congress to undertake an independent, thorough, and public review of
3 the merits and drawbacks of General Khun Sa's proposal to eradicate the
4 sources of opium in Burma in exchange for certain assistance from the
5 United States.

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 Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;
9 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
10 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
11 Alaska delegation in Congress.