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1 IN THE SENATE  
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29 (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 Greely, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, Adak Naval Sta-  
9 tion, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support Center are operated by the local  
10 school district; and  
11 WHEREAS the federal government owns these schools; and  
12 WHEREAS most of these school buildings do not meet local or state  
13 building codes and are significantly below building standards when compared  
14 to other schools within these areas; and  
15 WHEREAS the local school districts are limited to performing minor  
16 maintenance and repair work, and are expressly prohibited from selling  
17 general obligation bonds to raise money for military base schools; and  
18 WHEREAS despite not owning the land or buildings, the state has spent  
19 several million dollars on repair and maintenance; and  
20 WHEREAS the state cannot continue to meet the remaining large capital  
21 needs of schools due to a severe decline in state revenue; and  
22 WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid has  
23 made a commitment to provide major assistance for military base school  
24 maintenance; and  
25 WHEREAS improvements to military base schools in the state are the  
26 second highest national priority of the U.S. Department of Education; and  
27 WHEREAS federal funding to repair military base schools is dependent  
28 on completion of a study by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S.  
29 Department of Defense that may not be completed for several years; and

1           WHEREAS parents of children attending military base schools have  
2 requested the federal government to bring these schools up to the same  
3 physical standards as other schools in the local school district;

4           BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the U.S. Depart-  
5 ment of Education and the U.S. Department of Defense are requested to  
6 expeditiously complete their study of military base schools in the state;  
7 and be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED that the U.S. Department of Education is requested to  
9 seek and secure the appropriations necessary to repair and upgrade military  
10 base schools in the state, and to bring facilities up to state and local  
11 building codes; and be it

12          FURTHER RESOLVED that after necessary repair and upgrade work is  
13 completed the ownership of the schools should be transferred to the local  
14 municipality upon their request.

15          COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,  
16 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of  
17 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim  
18 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Ted  
19 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable  
20 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-  
21 gress; to the Honorable Richard Cheney, Secretary of the U.S. Department of  
22 Defense; to the Honorable Lauro Cavazos, Secretary of the U.S. Department  
23 of Education; to the Honorable William G. Demmert, Commissioner of the  
24 Alaska Department of Education; and to the superintendents of the  
25 Anchorage, Kodiak, and Fairbanks school districts.