

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the Persian Gulf conflict.

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

3 WHEREAS Iraqi military forces invaded the country of Kuwait in August 1990, and, since that
4 time, have plundered that country's assets, replaced its governmental leaders, and claimed to annex its
5 territory as a province of Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS Iraq's initial aggression and its continuing reign of terror have caused high civilian
7 casualties in Kuwait, including children and other innocent persons; and

8 WHEREAS countries throughout the world have almost unanimously condemned the Iraqi
9 aggression and, through the United Nations, have adopted resolutions demanding the withdrawal of Iraq
10 from Kuwait; and

11 WHEREAS there have been numerous attempts to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis diplomatically
12 by government leaders and private citizens from many countries and by the Secretary-General of the
13 United Nations; and

14 WHEREAS the President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, has uniformly rebuffed diplomatic overtures
15 and continued his brutal actions in Kuwait; and

16 WHEREAS the Allied Forces, under the auspices of the United Nations, have begun military
17 action to enforce the United Nations' resolutions relating to the Persian Gulf crisis; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in response to the actions of the Allied Forces, Iraq has stepped up its aggression
2 to include civilian targets in Israel and appears to be preparing for a devastating ground war involving
3 well over a million troops;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature solemnly supports the President of the
5 United States, other leaders of the Allied Forces, members of the Congress, United Nations officials, and
6 military personnel involved in Operation Desert Storm as they take the actions considered necessary to
7 respond to the ruthlessness of Saddam Hussein; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Alaska State Legislature express their heartfelt
9 concern for the safety of all the men and women serving in the Allied Forces in the Persian Gulf and
10 hope for the speedy return of those men and women to their loved ones at home.

11 **COPIES** of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
12 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
13 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Dick
14 Cheney, Secretary of Defense; General Colin L. Powell, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General
15 Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander of the U.S. Headquarters in the Persian Gulf; and to the Honorable
16 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
17 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.