

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 (STATE AFFAIRS)**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE****Offered: 2/1/91****Referred: Rules****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BARNES, Baker, Martin, Taylor, Zawacki, Hanley, G.Phillips, M.A.Miller, Sharp, R.Phillips, Leman, M.W.Miller, Gruenberg, Hudson, Navarre, Choquette, Larson, Grussendorf, Lincoln, C.Davis, Donley, B.Davis, Gonzales, Moyer, Kubina****A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the Persian Gulf conflict and Alaskans serving in the military forces in the**
2 **Persian Gulf.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 **WHEREAS** Alaskans in the military services have been called upon to participate in the war
7 effort in the Persian Gulf and are likely to be called upon to serve there in increasing numbers; and

8 **WHEREAS** these Alaskans are, and will be, serving the interest of the United States with
9 dedication, honor, and commitment;

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

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends the bravery and dedication
15 of Alaska's military personnel and all men and women who are serving in the Allied Forces in the
16 Persian Gulf; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Alaska State Legislature express their heartfelt
18 concern for the safety of the Allied Forces and the people residing in the Persian Gulf region and,
19 therefore, urge President Bush, the Congress, and the United Nations to use whatever means are
20 necessary to bring the conflict to an end as soon as possible and in a manner that will help secure a just
21 and lasting peace in the region; and be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature requests the Alaska Legislative Council to direct
23 the Legislative Affairs Agency to send the following message to all Alaskans serving in the U.S. military
24 forces in the Persian Gulf: "The members of the Alaska State Legislature want you to know that you
25 are in our thoughts and prayers. We commend your bravery and dedication. We wish you a safe and
26 speedy return home."

27 **COPIES** of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
28 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
29 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Dick
30 Cheney, Secretary of Defense; General Colin L. Powell, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General
31 Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
32 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,

1 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.