

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29 (MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 3/26/91

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MOYER, Finkelstein, Barnes, Boyer, Carney, Davidson, Hudson, Ivan, Leman, Lincoln, Zawacki, Bruckman, C.Davis, Donley, Ellis, Gruenberg, Grussendorf, Kubina, Mackie, Parnell, R.Phillips, Ulmer, Baker, Brown, Choquette, M.W.Miller, Gonzales, Sharp, B.Davis, Larson, M.A.Miller

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the Persian Gulf conflict.

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

**3 WHEREAS the members of our Armed Forces were called upon to liberate Kuwait and defend
4 Saudi Arabia and Israel from the aggression of Iraq; and**

**5 WHEREAS many of the U.S. troops sent to the Persian Gulf were pulled away from civilian
6 lives at great personal sacrifice; and**

**7 WHEREAS the Allied troops endured the uncertainties and hardships caused by separation from
8 their loved ones for months while stationed in the harsh climate of the Middle Eastern desert under
9 conditions that left them vulnerable to unpredictable missile attacks and terrorist activities; and**

**10 WHEREAS the troops successfully performed their mission with great dispatch, exemplifying
11 the high degree of dedication, professionalism, and training that underlies the technological and strategic
12 superiority of our military strength;**

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature

**14 (1) commends the bravery of Alaska's military personnel, all the men and women who
15 served in the Allied Forces in the Persian Gulf, and the civilians residing in the area;**

**16 (2) congratulates the Allied commanding officers for pursuing tactics that led to a speedy
17 cease-fire to end the ground war with very little loss of American or other Allied troops' lives;**

1 (3) urges President Bush, the Congress, and the United Nations to use all appropriate
2 diplomatic means to find a permanent peaceful solution to all of the conflicts and causes of instability
3 in the Middle East; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature requests the Alaska Legislative Council to direct
5 the Legislative Affairs Agency to send the following message to all returning Alaskans who served in
6 the U.S. military forces in the Persian Gulf before March 1, 1991: "The Alaska State Legislature thanks
7 you heartily for your efforts in stopping Iraq's aggression, liberating Kuwait, and laying the foundation
8 for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. You deserve a hero's welcome."

9 **COPIES** of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
10 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
11 the Honorable George Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley,
12 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense;
13 General Colin L. Powell, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander-
14 in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
15 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
16 Congress; Major General Sam Ebbesen, Commander, Sixth Infantry Division (Light), U.S. Army;
17 Lieutenant General Thomas G. McInerney, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Air Force; and to
18 Adjutant General Hugh Cox, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.