

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the continuation of the current military presence at Fort Richardson in Alaska.

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

3 WHEREAS changing world conditions and relationships have lead to pressure on the Congress
4 and the President to reduce defense spending; and

5 WHEREAS reductions in defense spending would probably result in some cuts in personnel
6 stationed at bases around the country because a very significant portion of defense spending is related
7 to personnel costs; and

8 WHEREAS the U.S. Army has been reviewing the need for a continued presence of the present
9 complement of military personnel at Fort Richardson in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS changing world conditions and relationships have lead the U.S. Army to reduce its
11 presence in the Philippines, South Korea, and the other areas; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska remains a strategic location from which to defend the interests of the United
13 States in the Arctic and the Pacific Rim; and

14 WHEREAS the military personnel at Fort Richardson and their families are vital to the social
15 fabric of the surrounding area; and

16 WHEREAS the military presence at Fort Richardson provides a direct contribution to the
17 Anchorage area's economy of approximately \$250,000,000 a year in the form of payroll for military and

1 civilian personnel and purchases of supplies;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President, the Congress, and the
3 U.S. Army to maintain the United States' current military presence at Fort Richardson in Alaska.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the
5 United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense; the
6 Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley,
7 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Michael P. W. Stone, Secretary of the Army; General Carl
8 E. Vuono, Army Chief of Staff; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
9 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
10 Congress.