

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63 (MLV)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Offered: 3/13/92**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES R.PHILLIPS, M.A.Miller**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Supporting the continuation of at least the current level of U.S. military presence at Fort  
2 Richardson Army Post and Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska.**

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

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

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

**9 WHEREAS the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force have been reviewing the need for a continued  
10 presence of the present complement of military personnel at Fort Richardson Army Post and Elmendorf  
11 Air Force Base in Alaska; and**

**12 WHEREAS changing world conditions and relationships have lead the U.S. Army and U.S. Air  
13 Force to reduce their presence in the Philippines, South Korea, and the other areas; and**

**14 WHEREAS, although military reductions have occurred in Europe and the Far East, Alaska's  
15 strategic importance should continue to grow in order to defend the interests of the United States in the  
16 Arctic and the Pacific Rim regions; and**

**17 WHEREAS in 1990, the military services in Alaska stood as the third largest industry in the**

1 state, accounting for 16 percent of the state's labor force and 13 percent of the state's payroll with  
2 expenditures on behalf of the military services in Alaska having an estimated \$2,700,000,000 effect on  
3 Alaska's economy; and

4       **WHEREAS** Fort Richardson Army Post and Elmendorf Air Force Base represent the largest  
5 concentration of military personnel in Alaska; and

6       **WHEREAS** the military personnel at Fort Richardson Army Post and Elmendorf Air Force Base  
7 and their families contribute significantly to the state's economy and their presence is vital to the social  
8 fabric of the Anchorage area;

9       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President, the Congress, the U.S.  
10 Army, and the U.S. Air Force to maintain at least the current level of military presence at Fort  
11 Richardson Army Post and Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska.

12       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
13 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;  
14 the Honorable Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro  
15 Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of  
16 Representatives; Michael P. W. Stone, Secretary of the Army; Donald B. Rice, Secretary of the Air  
17 Force; General Carl E. Vuono, Army Chief of Staff; General Merrill A. McPeak, Air Force Chief of  
18 Staff; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable  
19 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.