

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced: 2/7/92

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

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the Congress to reopen the Native allotments process for the benefit of Native**
2 **military veterans.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the filing deadline for Alaska Native allotments fell on December 18, 1971, a date
5 during the United States' involvement in the conflict in Vietnam; and

6 **WHEREAS** many Alaska Natives participated in the military during the Vietnam conflict; and

7 **WHEREAS** many Alaska Native Vietnam veterans were not notified and were not aware of the
8 Native allotment process during the filing period; and

9 **WHEREAS** veterans should not be denied benefits that they would have received if they had
10 not been in the military service;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to amend federal law
12 in a manner that would allow otherwise eligible Alaska Native veterans a new 18-month filing period
13 for Native land allotments.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the
15 Interior; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S.
16 Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas

**1 S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
2 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
3 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.**