

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13****IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION****BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE****Introduced: 5/2/92****Made a Special Order of Business****A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting an immediate federal investigation of the conduct of certain Los Angeles police**  
2 **officers in the Rodney King videotaped beating incident for possible violations of federal**  
3 **civil rights laws and requesting criminal prosecution of those officers if the investigation**  
4 **reveals that violations of federal civil rights laws occurred.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

6 **WHEREAS** the March 3, 1991, videotaped beating of Rodney King by certain Los Angeles  
7 **police officers has shocked the conscience of the country; and**

8 **WHEREAS** on April 29, 1992, the four Los Angeles police officers charged in the Rodney King  
9 **beating were acquitted of state criminal charges by a jury; and**

10 **WHEREAS** it appears that state legal systems and laws may be inadequate to deal with instances  
11 **of police brutality as evidenced by the acquittal of the four Los Angeles police officers and by a recent**  
12 **study of 100 incidents of police brutality which found that only five police officers were fired, 19**  
13 **officers were subsequently promoted, and \$92,000,000 was paid out in court-ordered compensation to**  
14 **the victims of the police brutality; and**

15 **WHEREAS** it appears that the conduct of the Los Angeles police officers that participated in  
16 **the beating may have violated federal civil rights laws;**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives respectfully requests George Bush, the  
2 President of the United States, direct the Attorney General to immediately open a major investigation  
3 of the conduct of the Los Angeles police officers that participated in the videotaped beating of Rodney  
4 King to ascertain if federal civil rights laws have been violated; and proceed expeditiously with  
5 prosecution to the full extent of the law if federal civil rights laws have been violated.

6        **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
7 States; the Honorable William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States; to the Honorable Ted  
8 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; to the Honorable Peter Wilson, Governor  
10 of California; and to the Honorable Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles.