

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42
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A RESOLUTION

**1 Supporting the continuation of at least the current level of U.S. military presence at Fort
2 Richardson 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 has been reviewing the need for a continued presence of the present
10 complement of military personnel at Fort Richardson in Alaska; and

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

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

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

1 **WHEREAS** the military presence at Fort Richardson provides a direct contribution to the
2 Anchorage area's economy of approximately \$250,000,000 a year in the form of payroll for military and
3 civilian personnel and purchases of supplies;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President, the Congress, and the
5 U.S. Army to maintain at least the current level of military presence at Fort Richardson in Alaska.

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