

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42 (STATE AFFAIRS)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/24/92**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS HALFORD, Cotten, Pourchot**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Supporting the continuation of at least the current level of U.S. military presence at Fort**

**2 Richardson 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 and Elmendorf Air Force**  
**11 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**

1           **WHEREAS** in 1990, the military services in Alaska stood as the third largest industry in the  
2 state, accounting for 16 percent of the state's labor force and 13 percent of the state's payroll with  
3 expenditures on behalf of the military services in Alaska having an estimated \$2,700,000,000 effect on  
4 Alaska's economy; and

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

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

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

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