

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29
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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the military operations areas environmental impact statement of the
2 United States Air Force.

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

4 WHEREAS on July 9, 1993, the 11th Air Force (Alaska based United States Air Force
5 units) announced a decision to prepare an environmental impact statement to analyze proposed
6 modifications to and creation of special use airspace in Alaska; and

7 WHEREAS the air force is committed to a balance between the necessity of training
8 pilots for any contingency while remaining sensitive to Alaska's environment; and

9 WHEREAS the air force has elected to actively involve the citizens of Alaska early
10 in the process of preparing the environmental impact statement and is genuinely seeking public
11 comments and ideas; and

12 WHEREAS it is expected that the proposed actions of the air force relating to the
13 special use airspace will not increase overall flying in the state, will not preclude public access
14 to any airspace, will greatly enhance flight safety for civil and military aircraft, and will save
15 taxpayers' money;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature affirms that Alaska offers

1 tremendous, diverse, and realistic flight training opportunities and welcomes the United States
2 Air Force in the state; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses the proposal of
4 the United States Air Force and commends the air force for the open, professional, and public-
5 minded manner in which the military operations areas environmental impact statement is being
6 prepared.

7 **A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General Joseph W. Ralston,
8 Commander, Alaskan Command, Elmendorf Air Force Base.