

**SCOMM**

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**Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs  
Representative Mike Chenault, Chair**

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**AGENDA**



February 7, 2002

Capitol Room 124 3:00-5:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Introductions
- IV. **HCR 20** – “Relating to declaring September 11, 2002, as Emergency Service Providers and Armed Forces Appreciation Day.
- V. Committee Comments
- VI. Public Testimony
- VII. **HJR 33** – “Expressing gratitude to President George W. Bush, to the President’s cabinet, and to the men and women of the United States armed forces and declaring support for the war on terrorism.”
- VIII. Committee Comments
- IX. Public Testimony
- X. Next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2002.
- XI. Adjournment

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Special Committee on Military & Veteran Affairs  
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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 31, 2002

To: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk

From: Representative Mike Chenault, Chair

Subject: Schedule for the Special Committee on Military & Veteran's Affairs Meetings

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to allow Committee members the opportunity to attend the Joint Armed Services Meeting with General Schwartz at 1:30 in (S) Finance room 532.

Please schedule a meeting for the Special Committee on Military & Veteran's Affairs on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 124

AGENDA

Bills previously held and heard

HJR33 – "Expressing gratitude to President George W. Bush, to the President's cabinet, and to the men and women of the United States armed forces and declaring support for the war on terrorism."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leona Oberts, Military & Veteran's Affairs committee aide at #2811.

**Proposed CS for HCR 20**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.20  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE-SECOND SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVENS**

Introduced: 1/14/02

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

**A RESOLUTION**

**Relating to declaring September 11, 2002, as a Day of Remembrance.**

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

**WHEREAS, three hundred forty-three (343) New York City firefighters and twenty-three (23) New York City police officers, many of whom were climbing resolutely toward the upper floors of the buildings in an effort to stem the fire and rescue building occupants when the towers collapsed, were lost in the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; and**

**WHEREAS, the men and women onboard flight 93 with unprecedented courage, with cogent forethought and a determined willingness sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of many others; and**

**WHEREAS, one hundred twenty five (125) casualties were reported in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon; and**

**WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the national tragedy, hundreds more firefighters, paramedics, police officers, members of the National Guard, and other emergency response personnel, including many individuals from Alaska, have participated selflessly in the rescue and cleanup efforts at the World Trade Center; and**

**WHEREAS, the tragic events of September 11 remind us of the tremendous contribution of these dedicated individuals to our society and way of life;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature honors the emergency service providers, armed forces personnel, and volunteer citizens for their courage, sacrifice, and dedication in serving Alaskans; and be it**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the governor to proclaim September 11, 2002, as a Day of Remembrance; and be it**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages all public and private agencies and citizens of the state to show their appreciation for the state's emergency service providers, armed forces personnel, and volunteer citizens on September 11, 2002.**



**Date Referred to Committee: January 22, 2002**

### **FURTHER REFERRALS:**

**Date of Committee Action:** 2-7-02

The HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS Committee considered: HJR 33

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33**

## SUPPORT WAR ON TERRORISM

**Expressing gratitude to President George W. Bush, to the President's cabinet, and to the men and women of the United States armed forces and declaring support for the war on terrorism.**

Recommends it be replaced with CS HJR 33 (MLV) ☐ Same Title ☒ New Title  
For Senate Bills with new title: ☐ Technical Title ☐ New Title: HCR \_\_\_\_\_

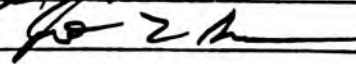
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☐ add new referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Letter of Intent \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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| Chair:  |  | Chennault         | ✓  |     |    |    |
| Chair:                                                                                     |  |                   |    |     |    |    |

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Rep. Mike Chenault  
chair, House Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs

**From:** Representative Jeannette James

**Date:** January 22, 2002

**Subject:** Request for Hearing: HJR 33



Please schedule the following resolution for considered by the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience:

HJR 33, A resolution expressing gratitude to President Bush, his cabinet, and the U.S. armed forces, and declaring support for the war on terrorism.

A copy of the resolution, a sponsor statement, and a brief background statement is attached. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CS HJR 33  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Support War on Terrorism BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Rep. James Component \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2003    | FY 2004    | FY 2005    | FY 2006    | FY 2007    | FY 2008    |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Services      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Contractual            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Supplies               |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Equipment              |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Land & Structures      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Claims        |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts                   |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1003 GF Match                           |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1004 GF                                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts                |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health                   |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate) |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal: ☐

**POSITIONS**

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| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Approved by: Rep. Mike Chenault Committee Chair Date 2/12/2002  
Agency Military & Veterans Affairs

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## **SPONSOR STATEMENT, HJR 33**

January 23, 2002

America's enemies believed their attack of September 11, 2001 would divide and weaken our nation. It has not. The purpose of HJR 33 is to, in a simple and straightforward manner, let it be known that Alaska is united and strong in its support of our nation's armed services.

It is clear the War on Terrorism will be difficult and lengthy. HJR 33 sends a message that Alaskans stand squarely behind this effort.

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## HJR 33

### BACKGROUND COMMENTS FROM PRESIDENT BUSH:

(text from Remarks to employees of Cecil I. Walker Machinery Company, Charleston, W.Va., Jan. 22, 2002)

... We told the world -- I told the world -- our government has told the world, our country has told the world, that this compassionate, generous nation will not let terror stand; that wherever we find terror, we will deal with it. We put a great coalition together, people who understand that this is an historic opportunity and a moment in which those who love freedom must not blink and must not tire. That -- I made it clear that if you harbor a terrorist, if you feed a terrorist, we're going to treat you like a terrorist.

And the Taliban learned that lesson because of our United States military. They're not in power. And by routing them out of power, this great nation not only defended freedom, not only sent a clear message about our intention, but this great nation liberated a people. We liberated women and children. We freed people from incredible oppression. What a proud moment for America, that we stood for what we believe, and in so doing, gave people a better chance for life.

I want to thank you all, and thank the American people for your patience. If we tire, the world will tire. If we get impatient, the terrorists win. Yet our great nation is bound by such a love for freedom, and the desire not for revenge, but for justice, that we're not going to tire; that we will stay the course.

Families in America have suffered the greatest sacrifice of all, the loss of a loved one. But in this case, the cause is noble, and it is just. We fight for freedom and the ability for our children and grandchildren to grow up in a peaceful world, one that does not fear murderers coming to our shore and killing through acts of terror.

This country must not yield. We must seize this moment of history. It is this generation's calling, and we are not going to let the world down. We're ready, we're steady, we're resolved. And we will rout out the terrorists, no matter what cave they think they can hide in, and bring them to justice.

You know, I was floored to think about the attitudes of the enemy when they thought we were soft. I couldn't figure out which TV show they had been watching. I mean, can you imagine somebody saying the great United States won't respond, or the great United States really doesn't care, won't commit the resources necessary to rid the world of evil? But, my, oh, my, did they make a huge mistake.

They also didn't understand the character of the country. They don't understand how good we are. They don't understand America's values -- the values of freedom of worship, no matter what religion you choose; freedom to speak; freedom to run for office; freedom to vote; freedom to be -- to work for your family so your family can live in a peaceful world. They don't understand that. They must not understand it.

I'm asked all the time, what can I do to help. Well, what you could do to help for a while was to travel, and it looks like we're getting better. Airlines are filling up and people are going to different destination places. But the truth of the matter is, if you want to fight evil -- and make no mistake about it, this is good versus evil -- if you want to fight evil, do some good.

If you're interested in fighting evil, tell your children you love them every day this year. If you want to fight off evil, get involved in the school system and make it as good as it can be. Teach a child to read. If you want to fight evil, go to your church or synagogue or mosque and start a program that will love a neighbor. If you want to fight evil, go see a shut-in and say, what can I do to help.

You see, the great character of America is not defined necessarily by our military actions, although that counts. The great character of America is defined by millions of acts of decency and kindness that take place every day all across our country.

The evil ones struck, but out of this will come incredible good. The world will be more peaceful when we accomplish our mission. And this country will be more compassionate and more decent and more loving.

It's such an honor to be the President of a land that has achieved so much, but with much more to do. Thank you for giving me the chance to come, and thank you for giving me the chance to be your President. May God bless you all.