

HJR

18

→ "Are prepared to make"

→ Amend #1

Adopted w/o obj.

Delete "have made"

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/28/03

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/2/03

State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(MLV) am
HJR 18 SUPPORTING U.S. ARMED FORCES

Supporting the men and women of the United States armed forces.

and recommends:

be replaced with Senate CS HJR 18 (STA)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HJR 18

This resolution recites the long history of outrages by dictator Saddam Hussein as reason and need for supporting our United States Armed Forces, led by United States Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief George W. Bush, in changing the current regime in Iraq.

It is essential to the *esprit de corps* and eventual victory of our Armed Forces in Iraq that all our service members - from enlisted rank to the rank of commander-in-chief - know they have the support of Alaskans, as expressed through their elected representatives in the Alaska Legislature.

Your support is urged. May God Bless and protect our brave United States Armed Forces service members.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Support Of American Armed Forces BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Representative Lynn
 Requester House Military & Veterans' Affairs 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						
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Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Nancy Manly, Committee Aide Phone 907-465-4931
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To Senator G. Stevens

Testimony

Word of HJR 18 "Supporting the men and women of the US armed forces" reached me only this weekend. Initially, on reading the title I was pleased with the Legislature's initiative. But it changed to astonishment when I read the resolution's language. I am sorry, but I must urge you to reconsider the current language for two good reasons. The first is your oath of office to uphold and apply the Alaska and US constitutions. The other is to avoid turning an honorable and warranted declaration into a disjointed, ill-considered communication. Now I will be specific without intentionally blunting the sponsors' valid purposes.

AK Constitution Article II, Sect. 13, "Form of Bills", requires every bill to be confined to one subject (with two narrow exceptions). Resolutions also must follow this wisdom, if only to avoid legal challenges and the stupid consequences of forgetting history. Four "whereas's" of the current version of the resolution do not focus on communication of support of men and women of our armed forces. They focus instead on the political positions, decisions, and judgment of our chief elected public servant and his administration. The "Be it resolved" statement is in fact an unabashed political endorsement and is completely off the subject of the resolution's title. Since our constitutional republic allows for administrations to change during wartime, support of our troops isn't automatically tied to specific national political personalities or their policies. Your reference is the Pledge of Allegiance, which very specifically doesn't include language that a citizen's allegiance applies to any political personality or position - like the US military oath does, or like was done for kings and aristocrats in history.

A resolution by definition should attempt to be a representative voice of the people and express their common feelings. If you check with your constituents of every political stripe and position, it's unlikely that any will object to a declaration of support for our armed forces personnel - provided that there are no partisan overtones. Of course, HJR 18 wouldn't be necessary at all, if all three branches of US government applied the methodology of the US Constitution (ref: Article I & II) to get a democratically decided Declaration of War. Every administration since Truman has avoided this proven method of getting general public support - by using the War Powers Act to transfer, by "resolution", the actual power of making war to a presidential decision. This places the decision to go to war with one man - instead of with the People through representation. Yet it's the People's support that is needed to avoid the disrespect of soldiers and veterans that we have seen since the Korean War!

If the AK Legislature wants to support and give endorsement to President Bush and his administration's judgment and decisions, it should do so as a separate resolution to one about our armed forces, as per the above supreme law.

I also very strongly recommend that more attention be given to using readily verified and specific facts when asserting such things as stated in the current resolution version. Generalizations that are half-truths will embarrass everyone because of the lack of professionalism displayed. It will also embarrass the troops - which they don't deserve. Composition displaying outright ignorance will also embarrass and not honor the men and women of the US military, who must use measured force to make up for destructive ignorance and failures of government and civilization.

Example: To assert that Iraq failed to comply with UN Security Council Resolution 1441 is the United States and the Coalition's position - but it is not the position of the UN Security Council who, as the originator, is legitimately the only one to declare a breach of its own resolution. HJR18 language thus implies UN support for military action when the events of the last few months have definitely shown we didn't get it. The language employed implies significant ignorance of what the UN is, what the entire value of having a UN resolution is, and even what - and why - Secretary of State Colin Powell was doing at the UN all winter.

Example: What is exceedingly unprofessional is saying that the US and Coalition forces have "made the ultimate sacrifice" as a statement of support for our armed forces. Apparently not knowing the origin or definitions of these words/phrases, this resolution is stating how all our men and women serving in Iraq have died as a reason to support them! How can you use a concept so beautifully used by Abraham Lincoln to honor our war dead in such a meaningless and mistaken way? Did anyone even proof read this resolution for grammar and word usage? This is very sloppy use of education. With this line alone you are defeating the purpose of the resolution as stated in the title.

I strongly urge you to review and correct HJR 18 for legal violation, accuracy, and ill displayed education in its composition.

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Rep. **BOB LYNN'S RALLY COMMENTS**

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Ladies and Gentlemen: "War is an ugly thing, but it is not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made so by the exertions of better men than himself."

Those are the words of English philosopher John Stuart Mill, born almost 200 years ago. I first heard those words, 30 years ago, when I was serving in Vietnam – and those words are as relevant today as they were those three decades ago.

If there's one thing I learned in Vietnam, it's this: there's only one thing more important than bombs and bullets to winning a war, whether it's in Vietnam or Iraq – and that's morale. When a fighting man loses his morale, he can lose his life. It's an attack on your morale when the terminally naïve – that's the most generous thing I can say – to protest against a war you are trying to win and trying to survive. I'm here to tell you that it's disheartening, and just plain dangerous, to be in a war, and not to have support from the folks back home. God Bless you for being here today, and witnessing your support to our troops.

All sane people pray for peace, but there are times when action is necessary, and this is one of those times. Yes, antiwar protestors have a right to protest – this is America, not Iraq - but that doesn't mean they're right – and that doesn't mean their activities don't damage morale. We want our president, the commander-in-chief of our armed forces, and every person in

uniform - to know they will have all the support they need to finish the job, from the commonsense Alaskans here at this rally - whether it takes weeks, months, or years - in the words of our president, "as long as it takes."

Some of our troops will sacrifice their lives to protect our freedom, and protect us against terrorists. Paraphrasing the words of a patriotic lady in Alabama, I can tell you something for sure – Jane Fonda, Martin Sheen, Rosie O'Donnell - and all their "sicko" friends - will never sacrifice their lives for us. It was not the silly seditious movie stars who fought and died for us on the shores of Iwo Jima, the jungles of Vietnam, or the bloody beaches of Normandy - it was the United States Armed Forces.

We hear talk of human shields. Well, I'll tell you where you can find thousands of human shields: the Armed Forces of the United States of America in Iraq. These brave folks are human shields for America, and they're marching through hell on the way to Baghdad to shield American homes and families from Iraqi component of the Axis of Evil. And if you want to see the human shields of American history, just walk through any national cemetery and look around. There lie the honorable, heroic, human shields, the brave Americans who didn't get on television and talk about being a human shield for the enemy.

I want every one of us here today to dedicate themselves to being a human shield for all that is good about America. Please God, help us be stand proud and recognize our Blessings. Let us be the human shields of prayer, of encouragement, and support for the President, our troops and their families and our country. God Bless America!



Alaska State Legislature

APR 15 2002

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs
committee name
committee on HJR 018C, dated 4-1-03
bill/subject

I am not in support of HJR 018C. I do not support the decisions of President George W. Bush and his administration in starting this war without the support of the United Nations and without exhausting all other non-violent methods, such as continuing inspections and demands for the destruction of weapons in Iraq.

I do not feel that Iraq was presenting an immediate threat to our country and can not justify our aggressive response. This is especially true when the inspectors felt they were making some progress with those methods.

I do not support our president or our nation in this combat.

Signed: Charlotte Adamson
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Alaska State Legislature

APR 15 2002

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate ~~State~~ State affairs office committee name

committee on Education HJR 018C, dated 4-1-02 bill/subject

Senator Lynn - I believe that if your bill were sound you would not feel that you need ~~ed~~ to use put downs and degrading comments against the individuals testifying.

Sadly it seems that you are a part of the divisive problem.

Yes Senator, I have the most important job of all - Helping to raise the children of Alaska. Would you prefer both my husband and I work, so I could send my children to day care? Please be aware that you are a leader in your state and that you have an obligation to THINK before you SPEAK!

Signed: Alana L. Greer
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Alaska State Legislature

APR 15 2002

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs
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bill/subject

Because I don't feel that this committee can truly "HEAR" what people ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{testifying} saying, I'd like to make this written comment.

• Please strike lines 8-14 due to the fact that we are now failing to comply with UN resolutions.

• Please add "are prepared" to line 1 of page 2.

• Please strike lines 3-5 of page 2 as this is part of their jobs as warriors and is redundant.

• Please strike "President George W. Bush" from line 7 and replace it with "our troops."

People in Homer who are demonstrating their right to assembly are starting to be threatened for their stand. Please find a less divisive resolution.

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March 27, 2003

RE: HJR 18 Supporting Military Action Against Iraq

Dear Alaska State Legislators,

Thank you for this opportunity to present my testimony today.

My name is Christopher Riggio and I live in Anchorage, Alaska, a resident of Alaska since 1993. I am also a former officer in the United States Air Force and I served in the Middle East during the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991. I have seen war and I am against the blind use of violence to solve international problems.

I am here today on behalf of the Iraqi people, the American troops and their families, and the millions of Americans who cannot be here today to speak out against this war in Iraq. More specifically, I am here today to voice my strong opposition to HJR 18. This invasion of Iraq is immoral, illegal, and unjust. This war is also in violation of international law, as well as the United Nations Charter. President Bush's arguments for this inappropriate use of force are illegitimate and unsupported by facts. I urge you to consider the grim realities of this conflict – that this is a war about oil and imperialism.

I am deeply saddened by the amount of suffering and death that is occurring right now, as I speak. For example, just one week ago, it was reported that one group of U.S. soldiers came upon a large group of wounded Iraqi soldiers, women, and children who begged for help as every one of these people suffered from multiple wounds and every one of them had lost at least one limb. In the Anchorage Daily News late last week, a photo of coffins with dead U.S. soldiers, draped with the U.S. flag. Also in the newspaper, reports of the World getting angrier at the United States for this immoral war. Matters are not getting better – they are only getting worse.

Why is the world angry at us? Because we did not give inspections a chance. Because the Bush Administration was so bent on war that they did not do all they could to pursue a peaceful solution. The world is angry because we have violated international law. And because we have acted preemptively, without just cause. Iraq did not pose an immediate threat, had not attacked us, nor had they threatened to attack us.

Why does it appear that so many Americans support this war? This I would credit to the impressive marketing job that the Bush Administration and its corporate media connections have sold to Americans. Already, Exxon-Mobil, Shell, Haliburton, Bechtel, and other American corporations with close connections to the Administration are signing contracts for oil and for re-construction. And all of this is coming out of our pockets. Bomb them, using U.S. taxpayer dollars, then re-build them with U.S. taxpayer dollars. And you and I, as well as this State, will suffer because of this. But this suffering is insignificant compared to that of the Iraqi people, U.S. soldiers, and Americans who have been hurt, traumatized, and scarred by this horrific genocide that is occurring as we speak. As you should know, the cost of this war does not and will not end with the end of the actual conflict and re-building. There will be hundreds of thousands of emotionally and physically wounded human

beings who will suffer from this war for the rest of their lives. People devastated by the losses of loved ones. Waters poisoned by the chemicals of burning oil, U.S. bombs, and U.S. depleted uranium, currently being used on Iraqi people.

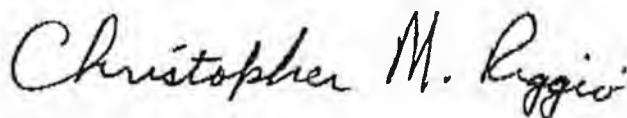
Over one week ago, Congress nearly unanimously passed a resolution similar to HJR 18 supporting the war and supporting the troops. But less than one week earlier, Congress also passed a bill drastically cutting support to the Veterans Administration which is already limping along and unable to support all of its several million veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War I, and the hundreds of other U.S. military actions occurring throughout the world such as those in Panama, Grenada, Somalia – the list goes on. And we still haven't figured out what is wrong with the thousands of veterans suffering from the Gulf War Syndrome. Who are we supporting with these ridiculous resolutions? It really is the Bush Administration and the multinational corporations lined up at the feeding trough for a piece of Iraq who we are supporting. And yet there will be thousands of U.S. veterans from this war who will need help dealing with the physical and emotional problems resulting, but they will likely be abandoned by their country at that point.

Let's support our troops by calling an end to this illegal war, and stopping the killing, both of Iraqi citizens, Iraqi military, and U.S. soldiers. Let us end this slaughter, this bloodshed, and destruction of life on earth. Let the inspections work. Let's act like a global citizen instead of a global tyrant. Let us work with the international community, instead of unilaterally and against it.

Again, I urge you to end debate on HJR 18 and shelve this proposal for eternity. I strongly encourage you have a backbone – unlike our Congress – and stand up for what is right and just, and pass a resolution condemning this destructive war. Please, for the sake of human life, our children, and our earth, do what is right instead of blindly following the man in charge just because he is the President.

I, for one, vote for peace and true democracy now. Please join me.

Respectfully,



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Robert Ward

March 27 2003

To the Senate State Affairs Committee

I ~~strongly~~ strongly object to the wording of HJR 18. If it is the intent of the legislative body in Juneau to send a message of support to our troops currently engaged in deadly fighting in Iraq and around the globe, then sections of this resolution must be removed. I feel it is a disservice to our men and women in uniform to link them in this single document to the many questionable actions taken by the President and his administration. Also, by being resolved to support President Bush in this document you are implying a support for the President's policies as they pertain to this war and as they pertain to our Service men and women and the Veterans of past service to our country.

In my view, the President himself shows little support for our troops when he asks Congress for a tax cut of over ^{1.4 TRILLION} 800 million dollars while at the same time allows the Veterans health care system to continue to be underfunded. The VFW's commander in chief Ray Sisk states " With an aging veteran population in need of health care and with 200,000 vets waiting 6 months or more for their FIRST appointment in VA, the health care system which veterans have come to depend on remains unable to respond to all of their needs." VFW officials estimate that the VA budget is at least 2 billions dollars short of what is needed. Is this how the President shows support for our troops? The President also wants to cut dissability payments to retired veterans by deducting from their retirement pay the amounts paid by their dissability coverage. The President is also proposing cuts in the funding of education for the children of our Military men and women. Is this how the President supports our troops?

I believe also that it is a disservice to our Service men and women to link them in this document to the illegal actions of our President as recognized by the United Nations and by the vast majority of world governments. Under fundamental international law, military force is permissible only in self-defense or when authorized by the UN Security Council. The

President's new doctrine of "preventive war" has no legitimacy under international law. We've heard a great deal about UN Res 1441. The President has often referred to Iraq being in material breach of this resolution and claims authorization in this resolution to use force to enforce Iraqi compliance. It is fraudulent to claim that 1441 automatically provided for the use of force. Force can only be authorized by the Security Council under Article 42 of the UN charter. The US did not obtain this authorization. The Council cannot cede that decision to individual member states. How many times have we heard the "in material breach of UN 1441" as a pretext to war? If the President wants to use non-compliance to UN resolutions as cause for war, then perhaps he should look at the record of Israel. Between 1967 and 2000, Israel has been the subject of 138 UN resolutions, most notably UN res. 242.

Our President has also resorted to deception and outright lies in his attempt to "sell" this war to the skeptical American public and people throughout the world. He has tried to imbed in the minds of Americans a connection between Iraq and the tragedy of 9-11. Not a shred of credible evidence was produced. Forged documents were presented accusing Iraq of buying materials from Niger which could be used to produce nuclear weapons. When these documents were turned over to the Iraq Nuclear Verification Office, in a matter of a few hours they were deemed to be forgeries.

In his desperate attempt to win Security Council votes in the UN, our President allowed the bugging and wiretapping of the offices of countries on the Security Council to gain intelligence on their thinking.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in his arguments to the Security Council used plagiarized documents from a doctoral thesis that was 10 years old and tried to pawn them off as current intelligence.

Time and again we hear about Sadam's use of chemical weapons on his own people and how deplorable this is. Our own President Reagan, Vice President Bush, and Donald Rumsfeld are no less accountable for these atrocities as they provided these deadly materials to Sadam themselves! Is that NOT deplorable? What did they think he would do with these materials?

The continued imposition of double standards and the application

of hypocritical policies by this President cause me tremendous embarrassment as an American. George Bush has placed our beloved sons and daughters in harms way and has engaged them in an illegal war that goes unsupported by most of the countries in this world including many of our longstanding allies. George Bush has wrecklessly squandered worldwide support for us in the aftermath of the 9-11 attacks. George Bush has deemed the Greatest International body of diplomacy in history to be irrelevant. George Bush has fractured NATO. George Bush has alienated Americans from the rest of the world. George Bush has NOT created a safer world as he proclaims.

If it is the intent of the legislative body of the State of Alaska to show support for our Military personell, I strongly urge you to remove the linkage to the support of the President in these matters. The information I shared with you are not just words. These are documented facts.

Many years ago, Albert Einstein said " Never do anything against conscience, even if the state demands it." Do not jump onto the bandwagon of blind patriotism solely for political expediency. It is your patriotic duty to search for the truth with regards to the policies of our nation and the implimentation of them. Be open to the truth and let your conscience guide you. If you sign onto this resolution as it is, it is your own integrity in full public view that is at stake.

Honor the men and women of our Military. Their bravery. Their sacrifice. Honor them and remove the wording that includes support for the President in this document.

Thank You for listening. Robert F. Ward, Homer, Alaska.

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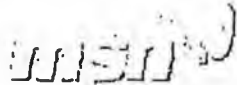
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Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice Resolution in Honor of the Men and Women of the United States Armed Forces and in Support of Peace and Justice in Iraq, the United States and All Nations.

On this 28th Day of March, 2003,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED BY THE FAIRBANKS COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE:

WHEREAS the men and women of the United States Armed Forces have been sent into battle in Iraq; and

WHEREAS the men and women of the United States Armed Forces must sacrifice their personal safety in duty and service to their country; and

WHEREAS the men and women of the United States Armed Forces have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS the men and women of the United States Armed Forces must leave their families, their spouses, partners and children, for an uncertain and prolonged period of time; and

WHEREAS the men and women of the United States Armed Forces believe that they are fighting for the liberation of the Iraqi people; and

WHEREAS the men and women of the United States Armed Forces may be required to remain in Iraq for several years to assist in the restoration of peace and rebuilding of the nation's infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice honors the brave men and women engaged in the conflict in Iraq; and be it

Submitted by Kate Finn

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice will continue to work for a swift resolution to the conflict so as to minimize all loss of life; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice will steadfastly petition our nation's government to honor its commitment to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces to provide full health care, disability pay, education and all other just and equitable benefits to our veterans and their families.

FURTHERMORE:

WHEREAS the present conflict in Iraq is neither just nor legal under recognized international law; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States and his administration did enter into this unjust and illegal conflict willfully; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States and his administration did undermine the diplomatic processes of the United Nations by knowingly providing false documents and incomplete intelligence regarding Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States and his administration promoted the unsubstantiated notion that Iraq was linked to the September 11 terrorist acts; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States and his administration did circumvent the United Nations inspections and declare a so-called "preventive war" on Iraq when that nation offered no clear and present danger to the United States;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice believes these actions of the President of the United States and his administration to be impeachable offenses; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice will join the rest of the world in demanding a full accounting of the loss of life, both military and civilian; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice will work for electoral reform to provide honest representation of the will of the People of the United States; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice will steadfastly petition that the United States Congress shall adequately fund all necessary humanitarian aid to the people of Iraq and shall pay for the reconstruction of all damage to the Iraqi infrastructure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice will join the rest of the world in calling upon the United States government to involve the

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United Nations fully in the reconstruction of Iraq's government, economy and infrastructure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Coalition for Peace and Justice will continue to work for peace and justice in Iraq, the United States and all nations, thereby ensuring that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces will never again sacrifice their lives and health in an unjust and illegal attack on any nation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; the Honorable Jacques Chirac, President of France; the Honorable Gerhard Schröder, Federal Chancellor of Germany; the Honorable Vladimir Putin, President of Russia; the Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; General Tommy Franks, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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