

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Relating to the national defense system in Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS the Governor and Congressional delegation of Alaska have again urgently renewed their representations that there is a defense gap in the national system in western Alaska; and

WHEREAS the existence of this gap was demonstrated last week when Russian reconnaissance aircraft were allowed to violate American territory in western Alaska without challenge; and

WHEREAS, while it has been known for years that Alaska, the defense frontier of the Nation, has been ringed with Russian air and ground bases in Soviet Siberia 40 miles from American territory, national defense officials have been giving their attention to a handful of Russian troops located 90 miles from Florida; and

WHEREAS existing American bases in Alaska are located from 700 to 1,000 miles from Alaska's defense perimeter, leaving western Alaska with meager radar coverage and completely without on-the-scene fighter interceptor and reconnaissance sup-

port; and

WHEREAS an adequate airfield for Air Force interceptor and reconnaissance planes already exists but is unused at Nome;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, is respectfully urged to direct that immediate action be taken to effect a realistic defense of Alaska as the continent's and Nation's defense frontier through the placement of two or three interceptor and reconnaissance squadrons along the northwest coast of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Richard Russell, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Honorable Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 19, 1963.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

Relating to the late Alfred Lundstrom.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of March, 1963, Alfred Lundstrom was summoned to join that innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm from which no traveler returns; and

WHEREAS Alfred Lundstrom came to Alaska many years ago and made his residence at Juneau for the past several years, raised a family, and remained active in community affairs; and

WHEREAS he was the father of our colleague in the House of Representatives, Dora M. Sweeney; and

WHEREAS Mr. Lundstrom was, until the time of his passing, a frequent observer of legislative proceedings from the gallery of the House of Representatives and had developed friendships with many members;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives hereby express their esteem for the late Alfred Lundstrom, a friend of the House, a kind and loving father, and a highly respected pioneer citizen of Alaska, and extend their sincerest condolences to their colleague, Dora M. Sweeney, and other survivors of the late Alfred Lundstrom at this time of sorrow and loss.

Passed by the House March 20, 1963.