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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

Relating to certain surplus heavy equipment of the United States Government.

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

WHEREAS after many long, trying years a peace settlement has recently been finalized among the opposing forces in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS there is in Vietnam millions of dollars worth of heavy equipment that has been financed by American taxpayers over the years; and

WHEREAS the rural areas of Alaska have a desperate need for airstrips, roads, utilities, communication systems, recreation and health facilities in order to provide our rural Alaskans with a modicum of modern civilization; and

WHEREAS the cost to the State of Alaska to fund the vast amounts of equipment that would be needed to construct the many needed projects in Alaska is prohibitive; and

WHEREAS the United States Government has agreed to aid both South and North Vietnam through the furnishing of equipment and money; and

WHEREAS if only some of the great quantities of equipment that have heretofore been utilized in the war effort could be put to use aiding those American citizens, including those of Alaska, who otherwise could not begin to undertake the construction of various needed facilities it would enable projects to be undertaken now that otherwise will be delayed for years to come; and

WHEREAS if such equipment were made available to the citizens

of Alaska, our chronic unemployment ratio might also be drastically reduced;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it respectfully requests the United States Government to return to the United States, and specifically to Alaska, a reasonable amount of the heavy equipment now in Vietnam, said equipment to be utilized in the construction of various public projects in our rural areas thereby benefiting all Alaskans and other Americans as well.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Elliott L. Richardson, Secretary, Department of Defense; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.