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Relating to the Persian Gulf conflict.

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

WHEREAS the members of our Armed Forces were called upon to liberate Kuwait and defend Saudi Arabia and Israel from the aggression of Iraq; and

WHEREAS many of the U.S. troops sent to the Persian Gulf were pulled away from civilian lives at great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS many of our U.S. troops, including Sergeant David Douthit of Alaska, made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives while serving in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS the Allied troops endured the uncertainties and hardships caused by separation from their loved ones for months while stationed in the harsh climate of the Middle Eastern desert under conditions that left them vulnerable to unpredictable missile attacks and terrorist activities; and

WHEREAS the troops successfully performed their mission with great dispatch, exemplifying the high degree of dedication, professionalism, and training that underlies the technological and strategic superiority of our military strength;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature

(1) commends the bravery of Alaska's military personnel, all the men and women who served in the Allied Forces in the Persian Gulf, and the civilians residing in the area; and

(2) congratulates the Allied commanding officers for pursuing tactics that led to a speedy cease-fire to end the ground war with very little loss of American or other Allied troops' lives; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature requests the Alaska Legislative Council to direct the Legislative Affairs Agency to send the following message to all returning Alaskans and persons stationed in Alaska who served in the U.S. military forces in the Persian Gulf conflict: "The Alaska State Legislature thanks you heartily for your efforts in stopping Iraq's aggression, liberating Kuwait, and laying the foundation for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. You deserve a hero's welcome."

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable George J. Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense; General Colin L. Powell, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; Lieutenant General Thomas G. McInerney, Commander, Alaskan Command; Major General Sam Ebbesen, Commander, Sixth Infantry Division (Light), U.S. Army; and to Major General Hugh Cox, Adjutant General, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.