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Relating to the Persian Gulf conflict and Alaskans serving in the military forces in the Persian Gulf.

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

**WHEREAS** Iraqi military forces invaded the country of Kuwait in August 1990, and, since that time, have plundered that country's assets, replaced its governmental leaders, and claimed to annex its territory as a province of Iraq; and

**WHEREAS** Iraq's initial aggression and its continuing reign of terror have caused high civilian casualties in Kuwait, including children and other innocent persons; and

**WHEREAS** countries throughout the world have almost unanimously condemned the Iraqi aggression and, through the United Nations, have adopted resolutions demanding the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait; and

**WHEREAS** there have been numerous attempts to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis diplomatically by government leaders and private citizens from many countries and by the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, has uniformly rebuffed diplomatic overtures and continued his brutal actions in Kuwait; and

**WHEREAS** the Allied Forces, under the auspices of the United Nations, have begun military action to enforce the United Nations' resolutions relating to the Persian Gulf crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the actions of the Allied Forces, Iraq has stepped up its aggression to include civilian targets in Israel and Saudi Arabia and appears to be preparing for a devastating ground war involving well over a million troops; and

**WHEREAS** Alaskans in the military services have been called upon to participate in the war effort in the Persian Gulf and are likely to be called upon to serve there in increasing numbers; and

**WHEREAS** these Alaskans are, and will be, serving the interest of the United States with dedication, honor, and commitment;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature solemnly supports the President of the United States, other leaders of the Allied Forces, members of the Congress, United Nations officials, and military personnel involved in Operation Desert Storm as they take the actions that are necessary to respond to the ruthlessness of Saddam Hussein; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends the bravery and dedication of Alaska's military personnel and all men and women who are serving in the Allied Forces in the Persian Gulf; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Alaska State Legislature express their heartfelt concern for the safety of the Allied Forces and the people residing in the Persian Gulf region and, therefore, urge President Bush, the Congress, and the United Nations to use whatever means are necessary to bring the conflict to an end as soon as possible and in a manner that will help secure a just and lasting peace in the region; 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 Alaskans serving in the U.S. military forces in the Persian Gulf: "The members of the Alaska State Legislature want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We commend your bravery and dedication. We wish you a safe and speedy return home."

**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 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; and to 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.