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Relating to an Alaska National Guard Armory in Juneau.

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

**WHEREAS** the Alaska National Guard has maintained armories across the state of Alaska since 1959; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska National Guard protects the people and infrastructure of our state, with 84 armories and readiness centers that provide rapid access to all areas of the state; and

**WHEREAS** the steep mountains, deep waters, open oceans, and inland channels of the southeast area of Alaska create a challenging environment for emergency management, making it essential that emergency workers understand the climate, culture, and coordinates of the area; and

**WHEREAS** the persons serving in the Alaska National Guard in the southeast area of Alaska are neighbors, coworkers, and friends who dedicate many hours of their busy lives to perfecting their military and emergency readiness skills; and

**WHEREAS** Juneau was the first Alaska city to have a National Guard unit, and the Alaska National Guard's main armory in the southeast area of Alaska has been located in Juneau since the current armory was constructed in 1960; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska National Guard armory in Juneau provides the only battalion headquarters for all of the southeast area of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** having a Juneau armory greatly improves the Alaska National Guard's ability to recruit and retain personnel in the state's third largest and capital city; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska National Guard armory in Juneau is now located on property owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and the City and Borough of Juneau and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority have worked together to provide a new site for a National Guard readiness center; and

**WHEREAS** the National Guard is also considering constructing a joint facility with the University of Alaska Southeast, and the facility would improve the capacity of both the Alaska National Guard and the University of Alaska Southeast to fulfill their missions in a manner that is cost-efficient for both;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports building a new Alaska National Guard Armory in Juneau and calls on the National Guard Bureau to make the project a high priority; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature calls on the United States Congress to make appropriations to fund a new armory in Juneau, in keeping with the national interest.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, United States Secretary of Defense; General Eric K. Shinseki, U.S. Army Chief of Staff; Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Major General Roger C. Schultz, Director, Army National Guard; 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.