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Ward Moves Resolution to Help Veterans

(JUNEAU) –Senate Joint Resolution 31 passed out of the House of Representatives Thursday by a unanimous vote of those present. The vote signified a single bi-partisan voice urging the United States Congress to permit the use of tax-exempt bonds to fund loans for veterans who served after 1976.

Authored, sponsored and moved through the legislative process by Sen. Jerry Ward (R-Kenai), SJR 31 addresses the need to allow post-Vietnam veterans the same access to benefits as others who have faithfully served their country, both in time of peace and hostility.

“Alaska is home to more veterans per capita than anywhere else in the country,” said Ward. “Many of these veterans have served and fought for this country in places like Beirut, Panama, the Gulf War and now Afghanistan. They deserve the same opportunity to participate in state and federal veteran loan programs offered to their fathers and grandfathers who fought in places like Europe, the South Pacific, Korea and Vietnam. “

The governor is expected to sign the resolution, after which it will be forwarded to our lawmakers in Washington D.C.

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