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Congratulating Alaska Airlines on its 75th anniversary.

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

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines began in May 1932 as McGee Airways providing service between Anchorage and Bristol Bay using a three-seat Stinson aircraft; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines continued to expand its service in Alaska through several mergers with local carriers during the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s; and

WHEREAS the name "Alaska Airlines" was adopted in 1944; and

WHEREAS, by the 1960s, Alaska Airlines was providing jet air service between Alaska and Seattle; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines strengthened its operating base in Alaska by merging with Alaska Coastal-Ellis Airlines and Cordova Airlines in the late 1960s; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines expanded methodically throughout the West Coast of the United States during the 1980s; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines joined with its sister carrier Horizon Air and merged with Jet America in 1987; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines has grown to be the ninth largest United States airline

and is the dominant carrier in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines continues to distinguish itself by providing superior customer service and pioneering technologies that improve operational performance and expand flight safety margins; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines is deeply involved in the communities of the state and makes over 50 percent of its corporate charitable contributions to organizations serving the state; and

WHEREAS it is the people of Alaska Airlines and their spirit, the spirit of The Great Land where Alaska Airlines began, that make Alaska Airlines unique; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines is celebrating its 75th anniversary in May 2007;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges 75 years of service to the state by Alaska Airlines; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED the Alaska State Legislature congratulates Alaska Airlines on reaching this significant landmark in its corporate history.

A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to William S. "Bill" Ayer, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Airlines.