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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES KOTT, Ogan, Hudson, Mulder, Rokeberg

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Referred: Rules

A RESOLUTION

1 **Congratulating Alaska Airlines on its 70th Anniversary.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines had its beginning in May 1932 as McGee Airways,
4 which provided service between Anchorage and Bristol Bay using a three-seat Stinson; and

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

7 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Airlines name was adopted in 1944; and

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

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

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

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

16 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines had grown to be the 10th largest domestic airline in 2000

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

2 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines continues to distinguish itself by offering more flights
3 than any competitor in almost every market it serves, providing a superior level of customer
4 service, and pioneering technologies that improve on-time performance and expand flight
5 safety margins; and

6 **WHEREAS** it is the people of Alaska Airlines and their spirit -- the unique spirit of
7 "The Great Land" where Alaska Airlines began -- that makes Alaska Airlines unique; and

8 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines will celebrate its 70th anniversary in May 2002;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges 70 years of
10 service to Alaska by Alaska Airlines; and be it

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