

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

Introduced: 1/21/15

Referred: Transportation

A RESOLUTION

1 **Recognizing the Academy of Model Aeronautics.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics is a community-based organization
4 that has a long history of overseeing the nation's expansive aeromodeling community and that
5 has achieved an exceptional safety record; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics has had an active presence in the
7 state since 1957 through flying sites and organized flying clubs; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, created by the Twenty-
9 Eighth Alaska State Legislature, has been working with the Federal Aviation Administration,
10 the University of Alaska, the Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International, the
11 Academy of Model Aeronautics, and other stakeholders to address a broad range of concerns
12 related to operations, safety, and privacy rights associated with unmanned aircraft systems;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS** the state intends to continue to work with those organizations and other
15 stakeholders to develop meaningful regulation of unmanned aircraft systems in the state; and

16 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics has, since 1936, published,

1 maintained, and coordinated rules of operation and safety standards that follow national
2 guidelines and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal
3 Communications Commission, and other agencies for the benefit of Academy of Model
4 Aeronautics members and the greater aeromodeling community; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics has provided insurance coverage for
6 operators and flying field locations that is consistent with national guidelines and regulations;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics is recognized nationally by the
9 National Aeronautic Association and internationally by the Federation Aeronautique
10 Internationale as the nationwide, community-based organization for recreational and sport
11 aeromodeling activity in the United States;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative Task Force
13 on Unmanned Aircraft Systems recognizes the Academy of Model Aeronautics as a
14 community-based organization in the state for the recreational, hobby-related, and sport-
15 related use of model aviation and unmanned aircraft systems; and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the state to work
17 with federal agencies to promote best practices and communications that result in meaningful
18 guidelines and regulations for community-based aeromodeling organizations that can be
19 understood by the public.

20 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the
21 Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
22 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.