

IN THE HOUSE

BY ALL MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the world's first
circumpolar flight in a single-
engine aircraft by Captain Sam
Grotte.

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

WHEREAS Captain Sam Grotte, USAF, who is stationed in Alaska, will attempt the world's first circumpolar flight in a single-engine aircraft at the end of this year; and

WHEREAS during the course of his flight, Captain Grotte will land at various locations on seven continents and will terminate the flight in Anchorage next December or January; and

WHEREAS Captain Grotte has graciously offered to publicize Alaska's Centennial celebration at each stop during his circumpolar flight with a presentation, including a short movie, and to permit his terminal stop in Anchorage to be used as the official opening of Alaska's Centennial celebration; and

WHEREAS Captain Grotte's flight in which he will attempt to establish 50 world aviation records, will serve to dramatize the importance which air transportation has played, and will continue to play, in the growth of Alaska and will be a very appropriate gesture with which to commence the 100th birthday of the state which is known as the "air crossroads of the world"; and

WHEREAS Captain Grotte's selfless offer to publicize Alaska's Centennial during his flight will enable people of many nations to learn about our state and our celebration; and

WHEREAS Captain Grotte's ability and experience will insure that this historic flight will be executed in finest traditions of professional airmanship;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska heartily commends Captain Grotte for the important and heroic flight which he will undertake, expresses its sincere gratitude to him for his fine and generous gesture to help the people of Alaska make known to the world our pride in celebrating our centennial year, and wishes him every success in his mission.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Dr. Harold Brown, Secretary of the Air Force; Lt. General Raymond J. Reeves, USAF, Commander-in-chief, Alaska; Major General James C. Jensen, USAF, Commander, Alaskan Air Command; and to the members of the Alaska Centennial Commission.