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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting early certification of an airline using the new Sitka Airport.

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

WHEREAS the Sitka Airport was planned and constructed to facilitate the development of air commerce and expand existing air service within the state and connect it with the contiguous states in response to the demand for more and improved air service; and

WHEREAS the Sitka Airport is now completed and ready to play the role in the intrastate and interstate air commerce for which it was intended; and

WHEREAS Sitka is the historical focal point of the 1967 Alaska Purchase Centennial observance and it is essential that a certificate for the use of the airport be awarded by the early fall of 1966 if Sitka is to be able to receive and accommodate its share of the extraordinary tourist air traffic expected in the state during 1967 which must be booked by travel agents many months in advance; and

WHEREAS the necessary certification must come from the Civil

Aeronautics Board;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska earnestly and urgently requests the Civil Aeronautics Board to expedite hearings necessary for the issuance of a permanent certificate for route authority for direct jet service between Sitka and Seattle and between Sitka, Anchorage and Fairbanks, or, as an alternative, the issuance of a temporary exemption certificate pending final award and decision of the permanent certificate. In either case it is essential that a decision and certification be had before the end of August 1966 if the normal traffic and the extraordinary traffic expected as a result of the observance of the Alaska Purchase Centennial in 1967 can be booked and otherwise prepared for by Sitka, the airlines and all others concerned.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Charles S. Murphy, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.