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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to satellite communications in rural-remote areas.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the most prohibitive factor to present utilization of satellite communications for rural-remote service is the cost and size of conventional earth stations; and

WHEREAS we currently are technically capable of establishing quality phone and T.V. service via satellite while using 16-foot and possibly smaller antenna; and

WHEREAS at a given frequency, there is a direct relationship between satellite separation and the minimum size earth station usable; and

WHEREAS enrichment of rural-remote communications is the prime ingredient in fulfilling our national unity doctrine;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State House of Representatives strongly urges that the Federal Communications Commission permit adequate satellite separation for small earth station use in thin market service areas throughout the United States.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William P. Rogers, Secretary, Department of State; the Honorable Dean Burch, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Dr. Clay T. Whitehead, Director, Office of Telecommunications Policy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.