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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Commending Alaska Airlines for its flights to the Soviet Union.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS Alaska took a place of historic significance in 1970 by becoming the point of departure in the United States for the first commercial airline flights into the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS these flights by Alaska Airlines into the Soviet Union could well mark the beginning of a breakthrough in communications between the two world powers and simultaneously lessen the tension which presently engulfs all of mankind; and

WHEREAS these historic flights could lead the way to a new era of cultural exchange, trade and commerce between the United States and the people of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS Alaska can well be proud of being selected as the point of embarkation for flights to the Soviet Union in lieu of the metropolitan centers of the lower 48; and

WHEREAS the people of the Nation as well as Alaska will surely benefit from the forethought and vision of Alaska Airlines, and particularly its chairman of the board, Mr. Charles F. Willis, in making flights to the Soviet Union a reality in 1970;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Alaska Legislature commends Alaska Airlines and Charles F. Willis for their courageous contribution in making the first commercial flights to the Soviet Union.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Charles F. Willis, Chairman of the Board, and to Alaska Airlines.