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Relating to passenger and air cargo service to Anchorage by Korean Air Lines.

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

WHEREAS, under the 1978 Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Korea and the United States, Korean Air Lines has the right to operate between Korea and Los Angeles or New York with a stopover in Anchorage, but may not pick up passengers in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS the 1980 Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries that would allow Korean Air Lines to pick up passengers in Anchorage has not been ratified; and

WHEREAS Korean Air Lines' request in 1983 to provide passenger service between Anchorage and Korea was rejected because the 1980 Memorandum of Understanding had not been ratified; and

WHEREAS Korean Air Lines operates 17 passenger flights each week between Seoul and the United States and Europe that use Anchorage as a technical stop; and

WHEREAS Korean Air Lines operates 25 to 30 cargo flights each week between Seoul and the United States that use Anchorage as a technical stop; and

WHEREAS no direct passenger service is provided between Korea and Anchorage so that passengers traveling between those points must use connecting passenger service that is inconvenient, time-consuming, and infrequent; and

WHEREAS existing air cargo service between Korea and Anchorage is neither direct nor frequent; and

WHEREAS there exists a pressing need for improved air

transportation service between Korea and Alaska; and

WHEREAS passenger service between Anchorage and destinations in Asia, Europe, and North America served by Korean Air Lines would be enhanced if the airline was allowed to pick up passengers during stopovers in Anchorage;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports a mutually agreeable resolution of the issues between the United States and the Republic of Korea that have prevented ratification of the 1980 Memorandum of Understanding, so that Korean Air Lines may commence passenger and air cargo service to Anchorage at the earliest possible date.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable Elizabeth Dole, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of the U.S. Department of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.