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Relating to the restoration and augmentation of federal funding for the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

**WHEREAS** the United States Geological Survey Volcano Hazards Program in the Department of Interior, through its Alaska Volcano Observatory, provides warnings and advisories concerning impending and ongoing volcanic eruptions in Alaska to business, government, and the public; and

**WHEREAS** these warnings and advisories save lives and property in Alaska and in aircraft flying over Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** the future of Alaska depends upon a safe environment for business and commerce and a growing role as a stopping place for the world's airlines; and

**WHEREAS** the airline industry has voiced its concern about proper monitoring of Alaska's volcanoes; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska contains most of the hazardous volcanoes in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska Volcano Observatory is the only source of volcano hazard

expertise in Alaska;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Senate respectfully requests the United States Congress to restore funding in fiscal year 1993 for the Alaska Volcano Observatory to the 1992 level, and to appropriate sufficient additional funds to include the heavily traveled Aleutian region in the volcano monitoring effort; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Senate respectfully requests the Department of Interior to include the Alaska Volcano Observatory in its budget for the U.S. Geological Survey Volcano Hazards Program at a level that provides for the safety of the public and commerce in Alaska.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of Interior; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate and Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Interior and Related Agencies; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Sidney R. Yates, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee on the Interior and Related Agencies; 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.