

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE COWDERY**

**Introduced: 4/25/97**

**Referred: House Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations, Transportation, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to competitive air service for rural Alaska and Southeast Alaska.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** jet airline service is essential to the conduct of commerce, tourism, and  
**4** government in rural Alaska and Southeast Alaska; and

**5 WHEREAS** convenient and affordable access to the Alaska state capital in Juneau is  
**6** in the public interest; and

**7 WHEREAS** most of rural Alaska and Southeast Alaska is a monopoly market for one  
**8** air carrier; and

**9 WHEREAS** ticket prices to rural Alaska and Southeast Alaska communities are among  
**10** the highest priced tickets, per mile, in the State of Alaska and exceed ticket prices for route  
**11** segments of similar length in the Lower 48, making rural Alaska and Southeast Alaska ticket  
**12** prices among the most expensive in North America; and

**13 WHEREAS** excessive ticket prices in rural Alaska and Southeast Alaska exploit  
**14** Alaskans and inhibit commerce, tourism, and the public process throughout the state; and

**15 WHEREAS** Governor Tony Knowles has offered a \$1,000,000 incentive package for  
**16** international air carriers to initiate service between Japan and Anchorage;

1           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges Governor Tony Knowles  
2 to provide at least an equal incentive to the airline industry to initiate competitive, affordably  
3 priced air service between rural Alaska and Southeast Alaska and their feeder hubs, especially  
4 Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Seattle; and be it

5           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State legislature urges the Governor to  
6 explore the feasibility of low-cost, charter airline service to and from Southeast Alaska for  
7 travel by state employees and the public.

8           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to John F. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer,  
9 Alaska Air Group, Inc.; Ronald W. Allen, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief  
10 Executive Officer, Delta Air Lines, Inc.; Lee M. Hydeman, Chief Executive Officer, Reno Air,  
11 Inc.; Herbert D. Kelleher, Chief Executive Officer, Southwest Airlines Co.; and Robert A.  
12 Peiser, Chief Executive Officer, Western Pacific Airlines, Inc.