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Congratulating Alaska Airlines on its 70th Anniversary.

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

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines had its beginning in May 1932 as McGee Airways, which provided service between Anchorage and Bristol Bay using a three-seat Stinson; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines continued to expand its service in Alaska through several mergers with local carriers during the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska Airlines name was adopted in 1944; and

**WHEREAS** by the 1960s Alaska Airlines was providing jet air service between Alaska and Seattle; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines strengthened its operating base in Alaska by merging with Alaska Coastal-Ellis Airlines and Cordova Airlines in the late 1960s; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines expanded methodically throughout the West Coast of the United States during the 1980s; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines joined with its sister carrier Horizon Air and merged

with Jet America in 1987; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines had grown to be the 10th largest domestic airline in 2000 and is the dominant carrier in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines continues to distinguish itself by offering more flights than any competitor in almost every market it serves, providing a superior level of customer service, and pioneering technologies that improve on-time performance and expand flight safety margins; and

**WHEREAS** it is the people of Alaska Airlines and their spirit -- the unique spirit of "The Great Land" where Alaska Airlines began -- that makes Alaska Airlines unique; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines will celebrate its 70th anniversary in May 2002;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges 70 years of service to Alaska by Alaska Airlines; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** the Alaska State Legislature congratulates Alaska Airlines on reaching this significant landmark in its corporate history.