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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, Dahlstrom, Gardner, Olson

SENATORS Wilken, Cowdery, Elton, Stevens, Bunde, Dyson, Kookesh, Davis, Ellis, Therriault, Wagoner, McGuire

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A RESOLUTION1 **Congratulating Alaska Airlines on its 75th anniversary.**2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**3 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines began in May 1932 as McGee Airways providing service
4 between Anchorage and Bristol Bay using a three-seat Stinson aircraft; and5 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines continued to expand its service in Alaska through several
6 mergers with local carriers during the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s; and7 **WHEREAS** the name "Alaska Airlines" was adopted in 1944; and8 **WHEREAS**, by the 1960s, Alaska Airlines was providing jet air service between
9 Alaska and Seattle; and10 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines strengthened its operating base in Alaska by merging
11 with Alaska Coastal-Ellis Airlines and Cordova Airlines in the late 1960s; and12 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines expanded methodically throughout the West Coast of the
13 United States during the 1980s; and14 **WHEREAS** joined with its sister carrier Horizon Air and merged with Jet America in
15 1987; and16 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines has grown to be the ninth largest United States airline

1 and is the dominant carrier in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest; and

2 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines continues to distinguish itself by providing superior
3 customer service and pioneering technologies that improve operational performance and
4 expand flight safety margins; and

5 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines is deeply involved in the communities of the state and
6 makes over 50 percent of its corporate charitable contributions to organizations serving the
7 state; and

8 **WHEREAS** it is the people of Alaska Airlines and their spirit, the spirit of The Great
9 Land where Alaska Airlines began, that make Alaska Airlines unique; and

10 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines is celebrating its 75th anniversary in May 2007;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges 75 years of
12 service to the state by Alaska Airlines; and be it

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

15 **A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to William S. "Bill" Ayer, Chairman,
16 President, and Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Airlines.