

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(TRA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/13/15

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, Tilton

A RESOLUTION

1 **Recognizing the Academy of Model Aeronautics for establishing safety guidelines and**
2 **best practices.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics is a community-based organization
5 that has a long history of overseeing the nation's expansive aeromodeling community and that
6 has achieved an exceptional safety record; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics has had an active presence in the
8 state since 1957 through flying sites and organized flying clubs; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, created by the Twenty-
10 Eighth Alaska State Legislature, has been working with the Federal Aviation Administration,
11 the University of Alaska, the Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International, the
12 Academy of Model Aeronautics, and other stakeholders to address a broad range of concerns
13 related to operations, safety, and privacy rights associated with unmanned aircraft systems;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS** the state intends to continue to work with those organizations and other
16 stakeholders to develop meaningful regulation of unmanned aircraft systems in the state; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics has, since 1936, published,
2 maintained, and established safety standards and best practices that follow national guidelines
3 and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Communications
4 Commission, and other agencies for the benefit of Academy of Model Aeronautics members
5 and the greater aeromodeling community; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics has provided insurance coverage for
7 operators and flying field locations that is consistent with national guidelines and regulations;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS** the Academy of Model Aeronautics is recognized nationally by the
10 National Aeronautic Association and internationally by the Federation Aeronautique
11 Internationale as the nationwide, community-based organization for recreational and sport
12 aeromodeling activity in the United States;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative Task Force
14 on Unmanned Aircraft Systems recognizes the Academy of Model Aeronautics as a
15 community-based organization that promotes industry and community safety guidelines and
16 best practices in the state for the recreational, hobby-related, and sport-related use of model
17 aviation and unmanned aircraft systems; and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the state to work
19 with federal agencies to promote best practices and communications that result in meaningful
20 guidelines and regulations for community-based aeromodeling organizations that can be
21 understood by the public.

22 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Michael P. Huerta,
23 Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; the Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman,
24 Federal Communications Commission; the Honorable Patrick K. Gamble, President,
25 University of Alaska; Brian Wynne, President and Chief Executive Officer, Association for
26 Unmanned Vehicle Systems International; Dave Mathewson, Executive Director, Academy of
27 Model Aeronautics; Jonathan Gaffney, President and Chief Executive Officer, National
28 Aeronautic Association; Dr. John Grubbstrom, President, Federation Aeronautique
29 Internationale; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.
30 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
31 delegation in Congress.