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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study on the feasibility
6 of using certain radio equipment to
7 facilitate search and rescue opera-
8 tions in Alaska.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN FIRST LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION
10 ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

11 WHEREAS, adverse weather, limited daylight in winter, and
12 thousands of miles of unmapped and uninhabited land make search
13 and rescue missions for downed aircraft in Alaska particularly
14 difficult; and

15 WHEREAS, the use of special radio equipment which would guide
16 searchers to downed aircraft in any weather, in darkness, or in
17 any terrain would be of invaluable assistance to search and rescue
18 missions and would contribute greatly to saving the lives of
19 downed fliers; and

20 WHEREAS, Simmonds Aerocessories, Inc., has developed such a
21 radio device, called SARAH (Search And Rescue And Homing), which
22 is in use in 14 countries and will be used by Project Mercury for
23 the recovery of this nation's first astronaut;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First
25 Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that
26 the Department of Public Safety conduct a study to determine the
27 feasibility of requiring the use of SARAH by all state-owned air-
28 craft, by commercial aircraft involved in intra-state traffic and
29 state-owned watercraft.

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