

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. ERWIN AND PRATT
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 32
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of a bush
6 airfield on Latouche Island.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION
8 ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

9 WHEREAS, the population of the community of Latouche Island
10 is isolated from the mainland of Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS, the community is dependent the year around for
12 transportation and supplies upon boats or occasional seaplanes
13 which cannot adequately and efficiently service the needs of the
14 community during the fall, winter, and spring seasons when boats
15 cannot navigate because of violent storms, and rough seas prevent
16 seaplanes from landing; and

17 WHEREAS, the present lack of facilities in accommodating
18 land-based airplanes and the conditions previously mentioned
19 result in difficulties for the community in shipping freight,
20 cause irregular mail deliveries, and prevent satisfactory personal
21 transportation, especially in transporting emergency patients
22 quickly to a hospital; and

23 WHEREAS, a naturally flat surface exists on Latouche Island
24 which may easily be turned into a bush airfield; and

25 WHEREAS, the people in this area consider the construction
26 of a bush airfield is the most important public works project
27 applicable to their region; and

28 WHEREAS, if an initial bush airstrip were constructed on
29 Latouche Island it could later be lengthened to accommodate

1 emergency landings of larger aircraft unable to return to or
2 reach the Anchorage International Airport over the high mountain
3 ranges separating Anchorage from points south, thus saving lives
4 and benefiting all Alaska;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second
6 Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that
7 the Governor of the State of Alaska is respectfully requested to
8 direct the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to
9 construct a bush airfield on Latouche Island at a cost of not more
10 than \$8,000.

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