

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. § 35

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to extending the cross-

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runway at the Unalakleet Federal

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Aviation Agency air field.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND

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LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, the United States Air Force uses the FAA air field

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at Unalakleet for logistics support for its Unalakleet Air Force

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station, and the federally-owned "White Alice" communications

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installation at North River near Unalakleet receives its air

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support through the Unalakleet air field; and

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WHEREAS, the FAA air field at Unalakleet is on the main line

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air route of Alaska Airlines, Inc., a federally subsidized contract

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mail carrier; and

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WHEREAS, Unalakleet is a distribution center for bush air-

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craft operations serving the communities of Shaktoolik, Ungalik,

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Koyuk, Kaltag, St. Michael, Stebbins, Hamilton and other lower

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Yukon and Norton Sound points; and

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WHEREAS, Unalakleet has a public health service center, a

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Bureau of Indian Affairs grade school and high school, a Covenant

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Church high school, two stores - the Alaska Native Cooperative

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Store and the Unalakleet Trading Company - and the Unalakleet

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Roadhouse, all supplied through the air field; and

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WHEREAS, frequent, strong cross-winds on the main runway at

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the Unalakleet FAA air field make it impossible for large aircraft

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of the DC-6-C class to land on it, and the cross-runway is too

1 short for multi-engine aircraft to land on it as an alternative;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the impossibility of landing large aircraft at
4 Unalakleet when strong cross-winds are blowing seriously hampers
5 the orderly, efficient, safe, economical conduct of flight traffic
6 on the air field, disrupting the services offered by the federal
7 and private schools and businesses, disrupting the operation of
8 defense and communications installations, and disrupting an
9 important source of supply of the many people served by the
10 Unalakleet air field, to the severe detriment of all the people
11 in that area of the state;

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
13 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Adminis-
14 trator of the Federal Aviation Agency be respectfully requested
15 to direct the extension of the cross-runway on the Unalakleet
16 Federal Aviation Agency air field so that it can handle normal
17 traffic usually handled by the main runway when the main runway
18 cannot be used because of strong cross-winds; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor
20 of Alaska, if he finds that the Federal Aviation Agency cannot
21 extend the cross-runway, be respectfully requested to direct the
22 Division of Aviation, Department of Public Works, to do so; and
23 be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be mailed
25 the Alaska delegation to Congress; the Honorable N. E. Halaby,
26 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, the Honorable
27 William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Richard A.
28 Downing, Commissioner of Public Works; the Honorable A. H. Romick,
29 Commissioner of Commerce; the Honorable Eugene G. Roguszka,

1 Director, Division of Aviation; and the Honorable Milton L. Donner,
2 Aviation Administrator.

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