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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79

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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 the extension of the air-

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port runway at Cordova.

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

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SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, the progress of Alaska and the well-being of its residents are greatly dependent on air transportation; and

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WHEREAS, the advent of the jet airplane has caused the dawning of a new era in the means of transportation available to modern man; and

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WHEREAS, the Cordova airfield provides service to numerous piston-type commercial airplanes, but its runway is not of the proper length to accommodate jets; and

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WHEREAS, one of the most important uses of the Cordova airfield is to provide emergency landing facilities for airplanes flying to and from Anchorage; and

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WHEREAS, many airplanes flying to and from Anchorage are jets and it is anticipated that the number will greatly increase in the near future; and

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WHEREAS, if the Cordova airfield is to continue to provide service to commercial airplanes, its runway must be lengthened to accommodate jets; and

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WHEREAS, commercial air transportation is necessary to the continued development of the Cordova area; and

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WHEREAS, the terrain near the Cordova airfield is such that an extension of the runway would be easy and inexpensive;

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WHEREAS, the Cordova airfield is owned, operated and maintained by the Federal Aviation Agency;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that the Governor of the State of Alaska direct the Commissioner of Public Works to use his best efforts in urging the Federal Aviation Agency to extend the runway at the Cordova airfield to accommodate jet commercial airplanes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federal Aviation Agency is requested to assist Alaska in every possible way in making these improvements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Najeeb E. Halaby, Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency; the Honorable Allen D. Hulen, Regional Manager, Alaska Region, Federal Aviation Agency; and to the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.