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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the need for remedial
6 action in connection with Alaska's
7 air transportation problems.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE:

9 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska encompasses an area one-fifth
10 the size of the older 48 states; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska with approximately 5,000 miles
12 of road within its boundaries is dependent on air service for the
13 prompt dispatch of its inter and intra-state mail, for travel
14 inside and outside the state, and for the transportation of
15 freight, items of food and clothing, and building materials and
16 such; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is an area as wide and as deep
18 as the 48 states, stretching 2,700 miles from east to west, and
19 1,400 miles from north to south and extending into the Eastern
20 Hemisphere and into the Arctic; and

21 WHEREAS, air carriers supply virtually the only transporta-
22 tion for people and airmail between the lower 48 states and Alaska;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska finds that
25 the Civil Aeronautics Board shows little understanding of Alaska's
26 needs; and

27 WHEREAS, on intra-Alaska routes the intent of the Civil
28 Aeronautics Board seems to be to curtail service, leaving many com-
29 munities with no transportation at all;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the State
2 of Alaska strongly objects to the curtailing of air service to
3 Alaska and respectfully urges that the Honorable John F. Kennedy,
4 President of the United States, appoint an Alaskan to the next
5 vacancy on the Board in order to facilitate a better understanding
6 of Alaska's air needs; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed
8 to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
9 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United
10 States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W.
11 McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable
12 Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the
13 Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign
14 Commerce Committee; the members of the Alaska delegation in
15 Congress; and the members of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

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