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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the need for remedial

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action in connection with Alaska's

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air transportation problems.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, air carriers supply virtually the only transporta-
tion for people and airmail between the lower 48 states and Alaska;
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WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska finds that
the Civil Aeronautics Board shows little understanding of Alaska's
needs; and

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

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