

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BLODGETT

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to extending the cross-
6 runway at the Unalakleet Federal
7 Aviation Agency airfield.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the United States Air Force uses the FAA airfield at
10 Unalakleet for logistics support for its Unalakleet Air Force
11 station, and the federally owned "White Alice" communications
12 installation at North River near Unalakleet receives its air
13 support through the Unalakleet airfield; and

14 WHEREAS the FAA airfield at Unalakleet is on the main line
15 air route of Alaska Airlines, Inc., a federally subsidized con-
16 tract mail carrier; and

17 WHEREAS Unalakleet is a distribution center for bush air-
18 craft operations serving the communities of Shaktoolik, Ungalik,
19 Koyuk, Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Kaltag, St. Michael, Stebbins,
20 Hamilton, and other lower Yukon and Norton Sound Points; and

21 WHEREAS Unalakleet has a public health service center, a
22 Bureau of Indian Affairs grade school and high school, a Covenant
23 Church high school, and five stores; and

24 WHEREAS frequent strong crosswinds on the main runway at the
25 Unalakleet FAA airfield make it impossible for large aircraft of
26 the DC-6-C class to land on it, and the cross-runway is too short
27 for multi-engine aircraft to land on it as an alternative; and

28 WHEREAS the impossibility of landing large aircraft at
29 Unalakleet when strong crosswinds are blowing seriously hampers

1 the orderly, efficient, safe, economical conduct of flight traffic
2 on the airfield, and thereby disrupts the services offered by the
3 federal and private schools and businesses, disrupts the operation
4 of defense and communications installations, and disrupts an
5 important source of supply of the many people served by the
6 Unalakleet airfield to the severe detriment of all the people
7 in that area of the state;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
9 Agency is respectfully requested to direct the extension of the
10 cross-runway on the Unalakleet Federal Aviation Agency airfield
11 in order that it can handle normal traffic usually handled by
12 the main runway when the main runway cannot be used because of
13 strong crosswinds; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
15 the Honorable Najeeb E. Halaby, Administrator of the Federal
16 Aviation Agency; the Honorable Pat McNamara, Chairman, Senate
17 Public Works Committee; the Honorable George H. Fallon, Chairman,
18 House Public Works Committee; the Honorable William A. Egan,
19 Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Richard A. Downing, Commis-
20 sioner of Public Works; the Honorable E. N. Courtney, Commission-
21 er of Commerce; the Honorable Lars L. Johnson, Director, Division
22 of Aviation; and the Alaska Delegation in Congress.