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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the construction and equip-  
6 ping of rural airfields.

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

8 WHEREAS the solution of Alaska's transportation problem is of the high-  
9 est priority for the state government; and

10 WHEREAS the physical characteristics of the state dictate that air  
11 transportation shall continue to be the principal mode of transportation;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS aircraft landing facilities are inadequate in the bush areas  
14 of the state; and

15 WHEREAS many villages will continue to be remote and the people will  
16 continue to suffer the privations associated with isolation until air trans-  
17 portation facilities are provided; and

18 WHEREAS by constructing airfields at certain villages throughout the  
19 state and by furnishing them with necessary equipment and funds for mainte-  
20 nance, the state government could make a beneficial impact on the quality of  
21 life in rural Alaska and broaden substantially the economy of the whole  
22 state;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
24 the Department of Public Works to commence a three-year rural airport con-  
25 struction program for all communities with 150 or more permanent inhabitants  
26 and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction plans provide for airstrips not  
28 less than 2,500 feet in length and for the Department to contract with the  
29 community for airstrip maintenance.