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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the United States Coast
6 Guard to station fixed wing aircraft
7 and helicopters in the greater Juneau
8 area.

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

10 WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is charged with the responsibility
11 of conducting search and rescue missions in the coastal waters of the United
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS aircraft greatly aid the successful completion of these missions;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in the 17th Coast Guard District of Alaska, there are no air-
16 craft of any sort between the bases at Ketchikan and Kodiak; and

17 WHEREAS search and rescue operations in the greater Juneau area are
18 seriously impaired by the lack of readily available aircraft; and

19 WHEREAS the rapidly increasing population and the steadily growing use
20 of small water and aircraft accentuates the need for having search and
21 rescue aircraft stationed in the area; and

22 WHEREAS the City of Juneau will make available, if possible, land for
23 this purpose at the Juneau Municipal Airport or elsewhere on property owned
24 by the city;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
26 the United States Coast Guard to install fixed wing aircraft and helicopters
27 to aid in search and rescue operations in the greater Juneau area.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Admiral Willard J. Smith,
29 Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Robert E. Hammond, Commander, 17th

1 Coast Guard District; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
2 Gravel, U. S. Representatives, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.
3 Senator, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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