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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the installation of air-  
6 field lighting throughout the state.

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

8 WHEREAS the safety, commerce and general well-being of the people of  
9 the rural areas of the state depend greatly on the existence of improved air  
10 transportation facilities; and

11 WHEREAS the airstrips and airfields of the towns and villages of rural  
12 Alaska many times provide the only means of access to these localities; and

13 WHEREAS the lives of the inhabitants of these towns and villages often  
14 depend on the ability of a pilot to safely land and take off from these air-  
15 strips and airfields at night; and

16 WHEREAS, even in good conditions, flying in the northwest is the most  
17 hazardous anywhere in North America; and

18 WHEREAS many of the airstrips and airfields in the rural areas of the  
19 state are not even equipped with electric airfield lighting or reflective-  
20 type lighting to reduce takeoff and landing hazards;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the  
22 Department of Public Works, division of aviation, to proceed with efficiency  
23 and dispatch to provide airfield lighting at every town and village that has  
24 sufficient electrical power available to sustain the lighting and to provide  
25 F.A.A. approved reflective-type lighting at those airfields and airstrips  
26 which have no provisions for electricity.