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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the independent status of

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the Federal Aviation Administration.

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

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WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration was originally conceived as
9 an independent agency so that it could better carry out its functions as an
10 impartial body for all aspects of the aviation field; and

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WHEREAS this agency has been placed under the Department of Transporta-
12 tion by means of an administrative decision causing a slanting of its
13 decisions toward commercial aviation at the expense of general aviation; and

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WHEREAS the citizens of the State of Alaska own and operate more air-
15 planes per capita than any other state in the union; and

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WHEREAS many parts of Alaska are dependent on privately owned airplanes
17 for the delivery of essential foodstuffs and medicines which are necessary
18 and vital for the health and survival of many Alaskans;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature urges the President of
20 the United States to restore the Federal Aviation Administration to its
21 original independent status so that this important agency to all aviation
22 may more freely consider the overall field and base its decisions on this
23 consideration.

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COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
25 Nixon, President of the United States; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
26 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators and to the Honorable Howard W.
27 Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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