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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Lake Minchumina

6 Airport.

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

8 WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has ceased to maintain the
9 runway at Lake Minchumina, Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the community is entirely dependent on air transportation for
11 mail, supplies and all the necessities of life; and

12 WHEREAS planes are unable to land at Lake Minchumina because of the
13 lack of maintenance of the runway, and the airline which serves the community
14 has informed the residents that service must be suspended unless the airport
15 is properly maintained; and

16 WHEREAS if air operations do not continue to include Lake Minchumina,
17 the community, in a few weeks time, will be completely devoid of all
18 electric power and telephone service, which would effectively abolish the
19 community; and

20 WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has offered to transfer the
21 airport and its equipment to the state; and

22 WHEREAS the state has a tentative selection of three townships on the
23 lake, making it in the state's interest to have an airport maintained in
24 this area;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respect-
26 fully requested to direct the Department of Public Works to immediately
27 take all necessary steps calculated to assume state ownership of the Lake
28 Minchumina Airport at the earliest possible time, and thereafter to keep it
29 properly maintained.