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IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 107

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Urging the adoption of special fares for retired persons by all airlines in Alaska and the Marine Highway System.

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

WHEREAS many people in Alaska have worked many long hard years for the day when they could retire and spend their time traveling to areas of the state they may never have had the time or opportunity to visit; and

WHEREAS the recent years of spiraling inflation have severely damaged the financial status of our retired populace, most of whom must live only on a small, fixed income; and

WHEREAS, because of the high cost of air travel in the state, many Alaskans cannot financially afford to travel in the state; and

WHEREAS members of the clergy, the military, and students all are entitled to travel on most scheduled airlines at vastly reduced rates and in Canada retired citizens are afforded the opportunity to travel on airlines for half-fare; and

WHEREAS, if the current airline rates could be adjusted so that more of our senior citizens, whose work has through the years aided the social and economic development of Alaska, could travel in and through their state, the benefits would be immeasurable;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that all scheduled airlines operating in or through Alaska are urgently requested to institute half-fare rates for Alaska residents 65 and older on a space-available basis only; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Division of Marine Transportation to initiate a program whereby Alaska residents 65 and older may travel on state ferries for one-half fare on a space-available basis.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Secor D. Browne, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; to all scheduled airlines operating in or through Alaska; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.