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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Commending Alaska Airlines for its
6 flights to the Soviet Union.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS Alaska took a place of historic significance in 1970 by becoming
9 the point of departure in the United States for the first commercial airline
10 flights into the Soviet Union; and

11 WHEREAS these flights by Alaska Airlines into the Soviet Union could
12 well mark the beginning of a breakthrough in communications between the two
13 world powers and simultaneously lessen the tension which presently engulfs
14 all of mankind; and

15 WHEREAS these historic flights could lead the way to a new era of
16 cultural exchange, trade and commerce between the United States and the
17 people of the Soviet Union; and

18 WHEREAS Alaska can well be proud of being selected as the point of
19 embarkation for flights to the Soviet Union in lieu of the metropolitan
20 centers of the lower 48; and

21 WHEREAS the people of the Nation as well as Alaska will surely benefit
22 from the forethought and vision of Alaska Airlines, and particularly its
23 chairman of the board, Mr. Charles F. Willis, in making flights to the Soviet
24 Union a reality in 1970;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Alaska Legislature commends
26 Alaska Airlines and Charles F. Willis for their courageous contribution in
27 making the first commercial flights to the Soviet Union.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Charles F.
29 Willis, Chairman of the Board, and to Alaska Airlines.