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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Endorsing a federal rules proposal
6 requiring the use of shoulder
7 harnesses in certain aircraft.

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

9 WHEREAS every year scores of people are killed or injured unnecessarily
10 in Alaska in accidents involving light aircraft even though they were wearing
11 seat belts as required by Federal Aviation Administration regulations; and

12 WHEREAS the situation in other states is probably similar, although
13 Alaskans rely on small aircraft for transportation more than people residing
14 elsewhere; and

15 WHEREAS it is thought that many of these deaths and injuries could be
16 prevented through the requirement of the use of properly installed and
17 functioning shoulder harnesses; and

18 WHEREAS the pain and suffering and the costs of medical care and
19 permanent disabilities from these perhaps needless aircraft injuries reach
20 enormous proportions even in a sparsely populated state such as Alaska; and

21 WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has conducted a study to
22 determine the feasibility of requiring the installation and use of shoulder
23 harnesses in light aircraft and is proposing rules changes to require the
24 installation and the use of shoulder harnesses in light aircraft;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Eighth Alaska Legislature endorses the Federal
26 Aviation Administration's proposed rules changes to Parts 23 and 91 of the
27 Federal Aviation Administration regulations which would require the installa-
28 tion and use of shoulder harnesses in light aircraft, and which rules changes
29 are being reviewed under Rules Docket, AGC - 24.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John A. Volpe,
2 Secretary of Transportation; to the Honorable John H. Shaffer, Federal
3 Aviation Administration Administrator; to the Office of the General Counsel,
4 Federal Aviation Administration; to the Honorable Frank E. Moss, Chairman of
5 the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee; to the Chairman of the
6 House Science and Aeronautics Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
7 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska
8 delegation in Congress.