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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the upgrading of the
6 St. George Island airstrip.

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

8 WHEREAS currently St. George Island is completely lacking any sort of
9 viable transportation capability; and

10 WHEREAS at the present time the island is serviced only by National
11 Marine Fisheries Service vessels which make five scheduled trips per year to
12 the island; and

13 WHEREAS at the present time a landing strip exists on St. George Island
14 which was constructed by the United States Department of Commerce, National
15 Marine Fisheries Service, but the strip is totally inadequate to handle a
16 commercial air service and it does not meet Federal Aviation Administration
17 specifications for commercial use; and

18 WHEREAS when the existing strip was constructed, the residents of St.
19 George Island were under the impression that the strip was to be constructed
20 so as to be used commercially; and

21 WHEREAS the expansion of the strip has been curtailed by the National
22 Marine Fisheries Service; and

23 WHEREAS, if the landing strip were expanded so as to meet the Federal
24 Aviation Administration's specifications, Reeve Aleutian Airways has promised
25 to provide the islanders with regular air service;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Department of Commerce,
27 National Marine Fisheries Service, is urgently requested to immediately under-
28 take the expansion and upgrading of the St. George Island airstrip so that
29 scheduled air service may be a reality at the earliest possible time.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Fredrick B.
2 Dent, Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable Philip M. Roedel,
3 Director, National Marine Fisheries Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
4 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska dele-
5 gation in Congress.
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