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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 *SCS* HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the closure of small post
6 offices.

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

8 WHEREAS the post office is the hub of community activity in small towns
9 throughout the country and especially in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the United States Postal Service has moved to close 12,000 of
11 the 18,290 third and fourth class post offices in the country; and

12 WHEREAS 163 of the 194 post offices in Alaska are third or fourth class,
13 three of which have already been closed; and

14 WHEREAS closures have been proposed without due regard to their impact,
15 the distance to other facilities, or other relevant factors besides profita-
16 bility;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Honorable
18 Benjamin Baylor, Postmaster General of the United States, is urgently re-
19 quested to reconsider his decision to close these small post offices and that
20 the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to take necessary
21 action, including passage of a measure similar to S. 2962 which would return
22 the authorization and control of the postal service to Congress, to insure
23 that such damaging curtailments in service do not occur now or in the future.

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Benjamin
25 Bailar Postmaster General of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted
26 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
27 Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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