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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to renaming the inter-
6 national airport at Fairbanks as the
7 Noel Wien International Airport.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS air travel has historically been of great importance to
10 Alaskans; and

11 WHEREAS Alaska air travel was an especially demanding and dangerous
12 activity in earlier years; and

13 WHEREAS early Alaskan aviators were instrumental in the exploration,
14 settlement, and development of the Territory and State of Alaska with its
15 demanding climate and topography, vast land area, and shortage of roads; and

16 WHEREAS Noel Wien exemplified the spirit of the pioneer Alaska bush
17 pilot and was a leader among early Alaska aviators; and

18 WHEREAS Noel Wien made the first flight across the Arctic Circle, the
19 first round-trip flight between North America and Asia, the first flight
20 from Anchorage to Fairbanks, and the first commercial flight with passengers
21 between Fairbanks and Seattle; and

22 WHEREAS by these and many other exploits Noel Wien contributed greatly
23 to the development and settlement of Alaska and helped improve the quality
24 of life for those residents of the territory and state; and

25 WHEREAS it is appropriate for the state to pay tribute to persons who
26 have made valuable contributions to the welfare of all Alaskans;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Senate respectfully requests the Governor
28 to direct the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to rename
29 the Fairbanks International Airport the Noel Wien International Airport.