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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the Secretary of the United
States Department of Transportation to
revise the standard time zones in which
Alaska is located.

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

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WHEREAS Alaska is the only state that spans four time zones; and

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WHEREAS the time differences between the communities in Alaska create
an artificial barrier that impairs efforts to improve communications among
the widely scattered population centers of this vast state; and

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WHEREAS the elimination of the time differential between the state
capital and the other centers of finance, trade, and commerce in Alaska
would bring state government closer to all the people of the state; and

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WHEREAS the transfer of most of Alaska to the Yukon Standard Time Zone
would place most Alaskans on an identical time schedule that would avoid
inconvenience to the traveler, the transportation industry, and other
commercial enterprises; and

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WHEREAS federal law (15 U.S.C. secs. 260 - 267; 49 U.S.C. sec.
1655(e)(5)) regulates the time on which all federal offices and common
carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce operate and grants to
the United States Secretary of Transportation the authority to redefine the
boundaries of time zones that serve the United States;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Secre-
tary of the United States Department of Transportation to redefine the
boundaries of the time zones in which Alaska is located by shifting those
portions of the state located in the Pacific Standard Time Zone and the

1 Alaska Standard Time Zone to the Yukon Standard Time Zone and by shifting
2 that portion of the state located in the Bering Standard Time Zone to the
3 Alaska Standard Time Zone.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elizabeth
5 Dole, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and to the
6 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
7 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
8 tion in Congress.