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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to travel by senior citizens on

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the Alaska Railroad.

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

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WHEREAS many citizens of the state are senior citizens who have worked

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long hard years for the day when they could retire and spend their time

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traveling throughout the state; and

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WHEREAS the recent years of spiraling inflation have severely damaged

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the financial status of the retired population because of fixed incomes;

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WHEREAS, because of rising costs, many senior citizens cannot finan-

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cially afford to travel in the state and realize the dream that they have

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held and worked for; and

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WHEREAS, if the people of Alaska could lessen the financial burden for

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senior citizens to travel and see our great state, they would provide a

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noble service; and

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WHEREAS the state has benefited immeasurably from efforts of those

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senior citizens who have worked hard and contributed to the development of

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the state; and

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WHEREAS it is not unusual for state and local governments to grant

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senior citizens special travel benefits and gratuities, as evidenced by the

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travel benefits afforded senior citizens on the Alaska Marine Highway

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System;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the Honorable Elizabeth Dole, Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable

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Tom Till, Acting Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration; and

1 the Honorable Reese Taylor, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission,
2 to initiate a program of free or reduced fares for senior citizens travel-
3 ing on the Alaska Railroad.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the above listed persons;
5 to Mr. Frank H. Jones, General Manager of the Alaska Railroad; 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.