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 Referred: Transportation

1 IN THE HOUSE BY ADAMS, HERRMANN AND
WALLIS

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to transportation of mail to

6 mainline and bush communities in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS both the mainline and bush communities in the state must be

9 assured of reliable, year-round scheduled passenger air service at reason-

10 able rates in order to meet the transportation needs of their residents and

11 visitors; and

12 WHEREAS the provision of scheduled passenger air service, particularly

13 to and within the rural regions of the state, is uniquely affected by

14 pronounced seasonal variations in traffic, high fixed operating costs, and

15 severe weather conditions; and

16 WHEREAS federal subsidies for scheduled passenger service in the state

17 are slated for possible elimination, which would have an additional adverse

18 effect on scheduled passenger service; and

19 WHEREAS it is critical to the provision of adequate passenger service

20 in Alaska that the U.S. Postal Service equitably apportion contracts for

21 the carriage of mail among carriers and that the U.S. Postal Service seri-

22 ously consider the level of passenger service offered by carriers to each

23 affected community in awarding contracts for carriage of mail;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

25 the U.S. Postal Service to adopt a policy for the distribution of mail to

26 carriers serving Alaskan communities that specifically takes into account

27 the frequency and capacity of scheduled passenger service offered by each

28 carrier serving a community.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Preston R.

1 Tisch, Postmaster General of the U.S. Postal Service; and to the Honorable
2 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
3 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
4 in Congress.