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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN TRADE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73 (Foreign Trade)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to air travel between Alaska
6 and the Soviet Union.

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

8 WHEREAS unprecedented trade, educational, and cultural opportunities
9 are resulting from the growing restructuring of the relationship between
10 Alaska and the neighboring areas of the Soviet Union; and

11 WHEREAS the nature of air routes through Alaska and the Pacific Rim
12 Basin is changing due to the improvements in technology and the opening of
13 air routes over the Soviet Union; and

14 WHEREAS flights between Alaska and the Soviet Far East have existed in
15 the past, but present flights are very expensive and difficult to arrange;
16 and

17 WHEREAS the United States government has approved Native visa free
18 travel between Alaska and the Soviet Far East; and

19 WHEREAS established air routes would expedite the many agreements
20 concluded by state and federal agencies and by private and public organiza-
21 tions in the Soviet Far East; and

22 WHEREAS the citizens and the local and state governments of Alaska
23 desire to have an efficient and expedient route of travel between Alaska
24 and their neighbor, the Soviet Far East; and

25 WHEREAS many benefits will accrue to Alaska from developing business,
26 trade, cultural, scientific, and educational contacts with the Soviet Far
27 East;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
29 the Governor and the Alaska delegation in the United States Congress to

1 initiate and promote efforts to

2 (1) encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation and Depart-
3 ment of State to facilitate and negotiate a mutually agreeable bilateral
4 agreement on regularly scheduled air routes between cities in Alaska and
5 the Soviet Union, including Anchorage-Khabarovsk, Anchorage-Magadan, Nome-
6 Provideniya, and Kotzebue-Lavrentiya, in order to accommodate United States
7 passengers and freight carriers interested in expanding opportunities in
8 the Soviet Far East;

9 (2) encourage the U.S. Department of State, Customs Service,
10 Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Agriculture, and
11 Federal Aviation Administration to coordinate and simplify the notification
12 requirements for flight arrangements in order to make it easier for Soviet
13 Union planes to travel from the Soviet Far East to Alaska; and

14 (3) encourage the U.S. Department of State, the Federal Aviation
15 Administration, and other federal agencies to work with their Soviet Union
16 counterparts to simplify international air notification requirements for
17 chartered flights between Alaska and the Soviet Far East, including naviga-
18 tor waivers on certain established chartered routes.

19 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
20 President of the United States; the Honorable James A. Baker III, Secretary
21 of the U.S. Department of State; the Honorable Eduard A. Shevardnadze,
22 Minister for Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R.; the Honorable Samuel K.
23 Skinner, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable
24 Nicholas F. Brady, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury; the
25 Honorable Richard L. Thornburgh, U.S. Attorney General; the Honorable
26 Clayton K. Yeutter, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the
27 Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of
28 Commerce; the Honorable Gennadi Gerasimov, Chief of Information for the
29 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R.; the Honorable Paul L. Gretch,

1 Director of the U.S. Office of International Aviation; the Honorable James
2 B. Busey, U.S.N. (Ret.), Administrator of the Federal Aviation
3 Administration; the Honorable Michael H. Lane, Commissioner of the U.S.
4 Customs Service; the Honorable Gene McNary, Commissioner-Designate of the
5 U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; the Honorable James W.
6 Glosser, Administrator of the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection
7 Service; the Honorable Valentine Plehanov, Director of International
8 Flights in the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Civil Aviation; the Honorable Victor
9 Trezubov, Director of the Magadan Branch of the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Civil
10 Aviation; the Honorable Vladimir Srkybnik, Head of the Far East Branch of
11 the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Civil Aviation; Vladimir Kourkov, Director of
12 North American Flights for Aeroflot; Iraklee Zhurabich Chechibaja, Director
13 of the Aeroflot Washington D.C. Office; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
14 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
15 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.