

Original sponsor(s): REP. MACLEAN

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79 (Transportation)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to air service in rural Alaska.  
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
7 WHEREAS many communities in Alaska rely on air transportation for  
8 their commercial and social ties with other communities in the state; and  
9 WHEREAS the state highway system and surface modes of transportation  
10 do not extend to large portions of the state; and  
11 WHEREAS the essential air service program of the United States Depart-  
12 ment of Transportation guarantees the availability of essential air service  
13 to communities in the state; and  
14 WHEREAS the costs of air service in rural Alaska have risen dramat-  
15 ically since the airline industry was deregulated; and  
16 WHEREAS the cost of an airline ticket for destinations in rural Alaska  
17 is disproportionately greater than for other airline tickets;  
18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
19 the Congress and the United States Department of Transportation to examine  
20 the effect of deregulation of the airline industry on the cost of air  
21 service in rural Alaska.  
22 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,  
23 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of  
24 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S.  
25 Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable George  
26 J. Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Samuel K.  
27 Skinner, U.S. Secretary of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
28 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don  
29 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.