

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to federal funding for develop-

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ment of the airport at Saint Paul,

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Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the economic well-being of Saint Paul, Alaska, is largely
10 dependent upon the rapidly growing crab, surimi, and bottomfish industry;
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12 WHEREAS the Saint Paul airport facility provides the only year-round
13 access to and from the community; and

14 WHEREAS the Saint Paul airport facility is critical to ensuring that
15 the community's commercial and social ties with the state and nation are
16 maintained; and

17 WHEREAS the Saint Paul airport is classified as a nonprimary commer-
18 cial service airport under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP); and

19 WHEREAS nonprimary airports are only eligible to receive AIP discre-
20 tionary funding and limited State of Alaska primary entitlement funding;
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22 WHEREAS the annual level of primary entitlement funding is generally
23 not sufficient to accommodate the improvement needs at state primary air-
24 ports and is not sufficient to accommodate the needs of the Saint Paul
25 airport; and

26 WHEREAS the Airport Improvement Program identifies specific set-aside
27 discretionary funding for nonprimary airports and safety improvement proj-
28 ects;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

1 the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Adminis-
2 tration, to allocate a level of discretionary funding to the State of
3 Alaska that will allow for the development of the Saint Paul airport.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Samuel K.
5 Skinner, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable
6 Admiral James B. Busey, U.S.N. (Ret.), Administrator of the Federal
7 Aviation Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
8 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-
9 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.