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1 IN THE SENATE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 (Foreign Trade)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Supporting bilateral aviation agreements
6 to better promote international tourism
7 and the movement of cargo through the
8 Alaska International Airport System.
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 WHEREAS the international movement of cargo and passengers along air
11 routes available for service by Alaska airports is increasing and will
12 continue to increase over the foreseeable future; and
13 WHEREAS Alaska, with its unique geopolitical position is a national
14 resource with an inimitable opportunity to service intercontinental, inter-
15 national, and domestic flights; and
16 WHEREAS Alaska's airports have developed world-class facilities for
17 the smooth, efficient, and cost-effective handling of tremendous volumes of
18 international passenger and cargo traffic; and
19 WHEREAS more than 1,700,000 passengers and 7,100,000,000 pounds of
20 cargo flying between Europe and Asia traveled through the Alaska Inter-
21 national Airport System in 1988; and
22 WHEREAS Alaska's efforts to attract international visitors are greatly
23 hampered by unnecessary limitations on landing rights, visas, and interna-
24 tional carriers flying domestic routes; and
25 WHEREAS an aviation bilateral committee has been established in the
26 Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to coordinate
27 state action in support of efforts to expand international visitation and
28 use of the Alaska International Airport System; and
29 WHEREAS the United States is currently involved in negotiations to

1 secure new bilateral aviation agreements with countries likely to pursue
2 air travel opportunities in Alaska if allowed; and

3 WHEREAS the United States government is currently working to establish
4 a more positive international air travel system that is likely to benefit
5 Alaska; and

6 WHEREAS technological developments, including production of the Boeing
7 747-400, make transpolar travel possible without refueling stopovers in
8 Alaska; and

9 WHEREAS these technological developments may have negative effects on
10 Alaska's ability to directly serve international markets;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the
12 Governor to continue to ensure that all departments of state government
13 work cooperatively to advance Alaska's interests in international aviation
14 bilateral agreements; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly encourages
16 the United States Department of State and Department of Transportation to
17 continue to support Alaska's efforts to address the opportunities existing
18 in the international air travel market through the ongoing bilateral avia-
19 tion agreement negotiations.

20 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to James A. Baker, III, Secre-
21 tary of State; Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of Transportation; and to the
22 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
23 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
24 tion in Congress.