

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

1 **Opposing President Clinton's proposed aircraft registration fee and proposed**
2 **increase in the tax on aviation gas and jet fuel.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** President Clinton has proposed that the Federal Aviation Administration
5 charge an annual registration fee on planes and that the tax on aviation gas and jet fuel be
6 increased; and

7 **WHEREAS**, under the registration fee proposal, the aircraft registration fee would
8 escalate from \$90 the first year to \$278 a year starting in 1997 and would be the same for
9 small and large planes; and

10 **WHEREAS**, for planes flying 100 hours a year, the aircraft registration fee would add
11 \$3 an hour to the operation of the plane; and

12 **WHEREAS**, under President Clinton's tax proposal, the tax on aviation gas would
13 increase 47 percent a gallon over three years to \$.22 a gallon, and the tax on jet fuel would
14 increase up to \$.10 a gallon; and

15 **WHEREAS** the tax on aviation gas increased \$.03 a gallon just three short years ago;
16 and

1 **WHEREAS** Alaska has the highest number of pilots and the smallest number of road
2 miles per capita in the nation; and

3 **WHEREAS** a major portion of the residents of Alaska depend on air travel for
4 personal and commercial needs, and air travel is vital to Alaska's transportation system; and

5 **WHEREAS** Alaska would be unfairly affected by the imposition of the aircraft
6 registration fee and by an increase in the tax on aviation gas and jet fuel;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes the imposition of the
8 aircraft registration fee proposed by President Clinton, opposes President Clinton's proposed
9 increase in the tax on aviation gas and jet fuel, urges the President to withdraw these two
10 proposals, and urges the Congress to oppose the adoption of the proposed fee and tax
11 increases.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
13 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
14 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate;
15 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
16 J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;
17 the Honorable John D. Dingell, Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and
18 Commerce; the Honorable General Thomas C. Richards, Administrator of the Federal Aviation
19 Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
20 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
21 delegation in Congress.