

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

A RESOLUTION Commemorating the first non-stop flight by air from the United States to the Territory of Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 15, 1929, the seaplane "JUNEAU", owned and operated by the Washington-Alaska Air Ways Company, was flown by Ansel C. Eckmann, pilot, Robert Ellis, navigator, and Jack Halloran, mechanic, on the first non-stop air flight from the United States to the Territory of Alaska, having taken off from Seattle, Washington, at 7:15 a. m. Pacific Coast time and having arrived in Juneau, Alaska, at 2:00 p. m. Juneau time, of the same day, and having thus completed the trip in approximately seven and one-half hours without having made any stop whatsoever enroute, and

WHEREAS, the said flight is not only of great historical importance to the Territory of Alaska, but also is destined to materially assist in the eventual development of the Territory by bringing the Territory in closer communication with the United States, and

WHEREAS, said flight was only possible through the skill and courage of said Ansel C. Eckmann, Robert Ellis and Jack Halloran, and the progressive enterprise of said Washington-Alaska Air Ways Company,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska hereby expresses its appreciation of the skill, courage and spirit displayed by said Ansel C. Eckmann, Robert Ellis and Jack Halloran, and the enterprise of said Washington-Alaska Air Ways Company, and extends to them its sincere congratulations and commendations upon the success of said flight, and directs that this Resolution be spread upon the records of this Legislature, and that copies hereof be transmitted to Ansel C. Eckmann, Robert Ellis, Jack Halloran and the Washington-Alaska Air Ways Company, and that a copy hereof be filed and preserved in the Alaska Territorial Museum.

Passed the House, April 27, 1929.*

Passed the Senate, May 1, 1929.