

WHEREAS Juneau is the capital of Alaska and is also the center of the second largest populated area of Alaska, with a high volume of economic activity; and

WHEREAS Anchorage is the largest city in Alaska, and the center of a vast area with a large population and a high degree of economic activity; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is uniquely dependent upon air transportation of persons, cargo, and mail because of the absence of roads and expeditious surface transportation; and

WHEREAS air transportation is vitally essential for Alaskan economic growth and development and the maintenance of communications not only between Anchorage

and Juneau but at other communities throughout Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the proper economic development of Alaska and the maintenance of communications between southeastern and southwestern Alaska require the immediate inauguration of frequent nonstop jet service between Juneau and Anchorage; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Alan S. Boyd, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; the Honorable A. G. Woodley, President, Pacific Northern Airlines, Inc.; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to gold coins for the Alaska Centennial.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS the centennial celebration of Alaska's first 100 years under the United States flag will be held in 1967; and

WHEREAS the widespread search for gold and the mining of nearly 30 million

ounces of gold have had an important role in the development of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Centennial Commission is requested to consider the possibility of purchasing newly-mined Alaskan gold at 50 dollars per fine troy ounce, using this gold to manufacture gold coins as souvenirs of the Centennial, and selling these souvenir coins for the equivalent of at least 65 dollars per fine troy ounce based on the gold content of each coin.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

Requesting Congress to reject an executive reorganization proposal affecting the Alaska customs district.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS there is now before Congress an executive reorganization plan whereby the Bureau of Customs Office in Alaska would be abolished and the collectors of customs positions would no longer be subject to presidential appointment; and

WHEREAS, if the plan is not rejected by Congress, the Alaska district office will in effect be moved thousands of miles away where there will be delays in mak-

ing the necessary day-to-day decisions on and interpretation of regulations at the hands of those not familiar with the special customs situation of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, with the elimination of presidential appointment of collectors, the citizens of Alaska will lose that essential contact in customs matters between one of its own citizens and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress which now enables the state to have advocates who can prevail upon federal administrators to meet Alaska's peculiar problems and needs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the