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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Requesting the United States Coast Guard to station fixed wing aircraft and helicopters in the greater Juneau area.

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

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is charged with the responsibility of conducting search and rescue missions in the coastal waters of the United States; and

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is charged with the responsibility of maintaining surveillance of the coastal fishing waters of the United States and the enforcement of laws and regulations governing those waters; and

WHEREAS aircraft greatly aid the successful completion of these missions; and

WHEREAS, in the 17th Coast Guard District of Alaska, there are no aircraft of any sort between the bases at Ketchikan and Kodiak; and

WHEREAS, search and rescue operations in the greater Juneau area are seriously impaired by the lack of readily available aircraft; and

WHEREAS the rapidly increasing population and the steadily growing use of small water and aircraft accentuates the need for having search and rescue aircraft stationed in the area; and

WHEREAS the City and Borough of Juneau will make available, if possible, land for this purpose at the Juneau Municipal Airport or elsewhere on property owned by the municipality;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Coast Guard to install fixed wing aircraft and helicopters to aid in search and rescue operations in the greater Juneau area.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral James A. Palmer, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.