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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

Relating to the closure of small post offices.

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

WHEREAS the post office is the hub of community activity in small towns throughout the country and especially in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the United States Postal Service has moved to close 12,000 of the 18,290 third and fourth class post offices in the country; and

WHEREAS 163 of the 194 post offices in Alaska are third or fourth class, three of which have already been closed; and

WHEREAS closures have been proposed without due regard to their impact, the distance to other facilities, or other relevant factors besides profitability;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Honorable Benjamin Bailar, Postmaster General of the United States, is urgently requested to reconsider his decision to close these small post offices and that the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to take necessary action, including passage of a measure similar to S. 2962 which would return the authorization and control of the postal service to Congress, to insure that such damaging curtailments in service do not occur now or in the future.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Benjamin Bailar, Postmaster General; the Honorable Gale McGee, Chairman, U. S. Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee;

the Honorable David Henderson, Chairman, U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Post Office and Civil Service; and the Honorable Mike Gravel, the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the Honorable Don Young, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and Mr. Ivan Hanson, District Manager, U. S. Postal Service.