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Relating to Alaska Telecommunications Day.

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

WHEREAS the subject of telecommunications is of vital concern to all Alaskans and is of primary importance to the state's commerce and economic development; and

WHEREAS the state and private industry are bringing satellite communications -- both telephone and television -- to residents of isolated rural areas which have never before had reliable communications; and

WHEREAS providing effective health care to rural areas requires dependable communications with hospitals and physicians, and such communications are now being provided in some areas of Alaska via satellite; and

WHEREAS providing telecommunications to the 49th state presents unique problems because of vast distance and hostile terrain; and

WHEREAS issues vital to all Alaskans are pending before the Federal Communications Commission, including the equitable resolution of complex questions involving rate separations and integration as well as satellite and earth station use and licensing; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, the Alaska Telephone Association, the Governor's Office of Telecommunications and RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., are sponsoring an Alaska Telecommunications Day in Washington, D.C. on February 24 in conjunction with the celebration of Alaska Day;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature heartily commends Alaska Telecommunications Day to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission, the United States Congress, and representatives of private industry, urging full participation in the activities planned for that day by the sponsors.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard Wiley, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Mr. Walter R. Hinchman, Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress, and to the sponsors of Alaska Telecommunications Day.