

# STATE OF ALASKA SENATE

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Relating to renaming the international airport at Fairbanks as the Noel Wien International Airport.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS air travel has historically been of great importance to Alaskans; and

WHEREAS Alaska air travel was an especially demanding and dangerous activity in earlier years; and

WHEREAS early Alaskan aviators were instrumental in the exploration, settlement, and development of the Territory and State of Alaska with its demanding climate and topography, vast land area, and shortage of roads; and

WHEREAS Noel Wien exemplified the spirit of the pioneer Alaska bush pilot and was a leader among early Alaska aviators; and

WHEREAS Noel Wien made the first flight across the Arctic Circle, the first round-trip flight between North America and Asia, the first flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks, and the first commercial flight with passengers between Fairbanks and Seattle; and

WHEREAS by these and many other exploits Noel Wien contributed greatly to the development and settlement of Alaska and helped improve the quality of life for those residents of the territory and state; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate for the state to pay tribute to persons who have made valuable contributions to the welfare of all Alaskans;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Senate respectfully re-

quests the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to rename the Fairbanks International Airport the Noel Wien International Airport.