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Relating to air travel between Alaska and the Soviet Union.

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

WHEREAS unprecedented trade, educational, and cultural opportunities are resulting from the growing restructuring of the relationship between Alaska and the neighboring areas of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS the nature of air routes through Alaska and the Pacific Rim Basin is changing due to the improvements in technology and the opening of air routes over the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS flights between Alaska and the Soviet Far East have existed in the past, but present flights are very expensive and difficult to arrange; and

WHEREAS the United States government has approved Native visa free travel between Alaska and the Soviet Far East; and

WHEREAS established air routes would expedite the many agreements concluded by state and federal agencies and by private and public organizations in the Soviet Far East; and

WHEREAS the citizens and the local and state governments of Alaska desire to have an efficient and expedient route of travel between Alaska and their neighbor, the Soviet Far East; and

WHEREAS many benefits will accrue to Alaska from developing business, trade, cultural, scientific, and educational contacts with the Soviet Far East;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor and the Alaska delegation in the United States Congress to initiate and promote efforts to

(1) encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation and Department of State to facilitate and negotiate a mutually agreeable bilateral agreement on regularly scheduled air routes between cities in Alaska and the Soviet Union, including Anchorage-Khabarovsk, Anchorage-Magadan, Nome-Provideniya, and Kotzebue-Lavrentiya, in order to accommodate United States passengers and freight carriers interested in expanding opportunities in the Soviet Far East;

(2) encourage the U.S. Department of State, Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Agriculture, and Federal Aviation Administration to coordinate and simplify the notification requirements for flight arrangements in order to make it easier for Soviet Union planes to travel from the Soviet Far East to Alaska; and

(3) encourage the U.S. Department of State, the Federal Aviation Administration, and other federal agencies to work with their Soviet Union counterparts to simplify international air notification requirements for chartered flights between Alaska and the Soviet Far East, including navigator waivers on certain established chartered routes.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable James A. Baker III, Secretary of the U.S. Department of State; the Honorable Eduard A. Shevardnadze, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R.; the Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable Nicholas F. Brady, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury; the Honorable Richard L. Thornburgh, U.S. Attorney General; the Honorable Clayton K. Yeutter, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable Gennadi Gerasimov, Chief of Information for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R.; the Honorable Paul L. Gretch, Director of the U.S. Office of International Aviation; the Honorable James B. Busey, U.S.N. (Ret.), Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration; the Honorable Michael H. Lane, Commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service; the Honorable Gene McNary, Commissioner-Designate of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; the Honorable James W. Glosser, Administrator of the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; the Honorable Valentine Plehanov, Director of International Flights in the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Civil Aviation; the Honorable Victor Trezubov, Director of the Magadan Branch of the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Civil Aviation; the Honorable Vladimir Srkybnik, Head of the Far East Branch of the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Civil Aviation; Vladimir Kourkov, Director of North American Flights for Aeroflot; Iraklee Zhurabich Chechibaja, Director of the Aeroflot Washington D.C. Office; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.