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Requesting the federal Office of Management and Budget to revise the Standard Industrial Classification system so that distinct statistics for the travel and tourism industry are compiled.

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

WHEREAS the federal Office of Management and Budget maintains a Standard Industrial Classification system (SIC) that is used to measure activity in various sectors of the economy; and

WHEREAS statistics for the travel and tourism industry are not distinctly identified in the SIC, but are split up into many different categories that include other retail sales and services; and

WHEREAS the failure to separately identify travel and tourism as an industry inhibits recognition of the importance of this segment of the economy, both in terms of its contribution to the gross domestic product and in terms of its positive effect on the nation's balance of trade; and

WHEREAS the travel and tourism industry is a significant segment of Alaska's economy and should become one of the top money-producing industries for the nation within

the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS separate SIC recognition of the travel and tourism industry would aid policy makers in fashioning appropriate measures that promote this very important industry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the federal Office of Management and Budget to work with the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration to develop appropriate SIC listings that will give due regard to the importance of the travel and tourism industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature encourages the federal government to include travel and tourism expenditures when it calculates the national trade balance.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Robin Tallon, U.S. Representative, chair of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus; Richard Darman, Director, federal Office of Management and Budget; John Keller, Director, U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration; 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.