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Recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REID, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. HELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States.

Whereas National Travel and Tourism Week was established in 1983 through the enactment of the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to designate the week beginning May 27, 1984, as ‘National Tourism Week’”, approved November 29, 1983 (Public Law 98–178; 97 Stat. 1126), which recognized the value of travel and tourism;

Whereas National Travel and Tourism Week is celebrated across the United States from May 3 through May 11, 2014;

Whereas more than 200 travel destinations throughout the United States are holding events in honor of National Travel and Tourism Week;

Whereas one out of every 9 jobs in the United States depends on travel and tourism and the industry supports more than 14,900,000 jobs in the United States, including 7,900,000 directly in the travel industry and 7,000,000 in related industries;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry is among the top 10 industries in 49 States and the District of Columbia in terms of employment;

Whereas international travel to the United States is the single largest export industry in the country, generating a trade surplus balance of \$57,100,000,000 in 2013;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry, Congress, and the President have worked to streamline the visa process and make the United States welcoming to visitors from other countries;

Whereas travel and tourism provide significant economic benefits to the United States by generating \$2,100,000,000,000 in annual economic output;

Whereas leisure travel allows individuals to experience the rich cultural heritage and educational opportunities of the United States and its communities; and

Whereas the immense value of travel and tourism cannot be overstated: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes May 3 through May 11, 2014, as

3 National Travel and Tourism Week;

1 (2) commends the travel and tourism industry
2 for its important contributions to the United States;
3 and
4 (3) commends the employees of the travel and
5 tourism industry for their important contributions to
6 the United States.

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