

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 82

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman BODINE

- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the President of the United States to
2 begin negotiations with Japan for a new aviation agreement that would
3 expand competition by allowing more passenger flights between cities in the
4 two countries.
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, Under terms of the current aviation agreement between the United
7 States and Japan, first negotiated in 1952, many major U.S. airports, such
8 as Newark, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, and New York have
9 limited airline service to Japan, and other important cities including
10 Houston, Boston, Orlando, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Denver, and Las Vegas
11 are excluded entirely from providing such service; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, At present, airline fares between the United States and other, more
13 competitive, international destinations are considerably lower, typically by
14 more than 50 percent, than fares to Japan; and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, The Aviation Coalition for Competition and Expanded Service
16 Between the United States and Japan, ACCESS U.S.-Japan, has been
17 formed recently by a group of concerned American businesses, civic
18 leaders, and others who seek a more open and competitive air service
19 agreement between the United States and Japan; and
- 20 **WHEREAS**, A report issued by ACCESS U.S.-Japan indicates that the low
21 level of air service between this nation and Japan imposes excessive fares,
22 hampers growth throughout the U.S. economy, and restricts opportunity
23 in virtually all product and service areas; and
- 24 **WHEREAS**, Adding just three non-stop flights a day between the United States
25 and Japan could produce more than 500,000 new passengers and more
26 than \$500 million in airline revenues; and
- 27 **WHEREAS**, The ACCESS U.S.-Japan report also points out that opening the
28 aviation market would stimulate greater competition among commercial
29 airline carriers on routes between the United States and Japan, thereby
30 increasing the level of service, reducing air fares and encouraging more
31 people to travel from one country to the other; and
- 32 **WHEREAS**, ACCESS U.S.-Japan estimates that permitting more U.S. cities
33 to enjoy new or expanded access to Japan would give businesses greater
34 access to markets and generate more than \$9 billion in additional revenues
35 within the United States each year; and

1 **WHEREAS**, It is in the public interest that the United States expand air service
2 on routes between the U.S. and Japan, while preserving rights currently
3 being exercised by U.S. carriers; now, therefore,

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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7 1. This House respectfully urges the President of the United States to begin
8 negotiations with Japan for a new aviation agreement that would expand
9 competition by allowing more passenger flights between cities in the two
10 countries.

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12 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
13 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
14 to the President of the United States.

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19 This Assembly resolution urges the President of the United States to begin
20 negotiations with Japan for a new aviation agreement that would expand
21 competition by allowing more passenger flights between cities in the two
22 countries.

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27 Urges the President of the United States to begin negotiations with Japan on
28 a new aviation agreement.