

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 459

Congratulating KICY Radio for 50 years of service to western Alaska and
the Russian Far East.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2010

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating KICY Radio for 50 years of service to
western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

Whereas KICY Radio is owned and operated by the Arctic
Broadcasting Association, a nonprofit affiliate of the
Evangelical Covenant Church;

Whereas KICY Radio has been broadcasting since April 17,
1960, on an AM frequency of 850 kilohertz;

Whereas KICY Radio is primarily staffed by volunteers;

Whereas KICY Radio broadcasts from Nome, Alaska to more
than 40 Alaska Native villages throughout the Seward
Peninsula and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta;

Whereas KICY Radio serves the Chukotkan, Kamchatkan,
and Siberian regions of the Russian Far East for 5 hours
each day, 7 days each week, from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.;

Whereas the signal strength of KICY Radio has expanded from 5,000 watts to 50,000 watts during the past 50 years;

Whereas 1 of the most popular KICY Radio programs over the 50-year history of the station is “Ptarmigan Telegraph,” which allows listeners to send in brief messages to be read on the air for friends and relatives; and

Whereas, even today, when much of the region served by KICY Radio is connected by telephone, “Ptarmigan Telegraph” remains a vital means of connecting the people of western Alaska: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates KICY Radio for 50 years of
3 service to western Alaska and the Russian Far East;

4 (2) recognizes the volunteer staff who have kept
5 KICY Radio on the air for the past 50 years; and

6 (3) wishes the staff of KICY Radio well with
7 the continued efforts of the staff to serve the people
8 of western Alaska and the Russian Far East with
9 culturally relevant programming.

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