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Delta Connection Carries Olympic Flame to Alaska in Historic Flight

St. George, UT, January 26, 2002 - In a history making flight, Delta Connection - SkyWest Airlines landed in Juneau, Alaska, early Thursday morning with the Olympic Flame burning brightly. Touchdown in the Capital City marked the first time that the Flame has visited the largest state in our nation.

Flights into Juneau are traditionally difficult with terrain and weather combining to prevent many airlines from utilizing the airport. The historic landing was accomplished by a highly trained flight crew, utilizing state-of-the-art technology aboard a Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ) painted with a special Olympic theme. The gold and blue colors in the design represent the sun and mountains of Utah and reflect themes found in the Salt Lake City Olympic Logo.

Upon arrival, the flight was welcomed by Mayor Sally Smith. SkyWest President and CEO, Jerry Atkin, presented the Flame to Senator Ben Stevens, who ignited the Torch to begin the first Torch run in Juneau.

“SkyWest, as a Delta Connection carrier, is proud to have the privilege of bringing the Olympic Flame to Alaska,” said Atkin upon being welcomed to Juneau. “The flame reflects goodwill, strength, and determination, and has traveled over 10,000 miles to bring the Olympic Spirit to Juneau. We are honored to play a part in Olympic history.”

The 2002 Olympic Torch Relay presented by Coca-Cola and Chevrolet began at the airport and traveled through the streets of Juneau before being greeted by Native American Tlingit dancers at Juneau Harbor, where it was loaded aboard a dug-out canoe. After crossing the Gastineau Channel by canoe, the Relay continued through the city and ended at Centennial Park, where the community again celebrated the arrival of this symbol of the Olympic Spirit.

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Finally, the Olympic Flame was again placed aboard the Delta Connection jet and was flown to Spokane, Washington. The Flame was greeted by city officials and welcomed to Spokane as the Torch Relay resumed its course towards the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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