The importance of the Denali Commission to Rural Alaska’s infrastructure needs cannot be overstated. Since 1999, the Commission has very successfully promoted rural development by providing economic, infrastructure, job training, and health care support in rural communities.

The Denali Commission has invested approximately $1 billion to improve the infrastructure and sustainability of rural Alaska, complementing the state’s investment of about $2 billion toward the same purposes.

Today, the Denali Commission brings together stakeholders from throughout Alaska to advise the Denali Commission in the wise investment of its Federal resources. These investments offer a means for effective local and state partnership in finding ways to sustain rural Alaska's communities and culture.

This Resolution urges the Obama administration to reauthorize the commission for an additional five years and urges the United States Congress to provide funding to provide for the continued success of the Denali Commission in its vital mission.