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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the downgrading of Alaska from a regional office to a district office by the Bureau of Public Roads.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is endowed with the potential of becoming the richest state in the Union by reason of its vast size, unexplored mineral wealth, abundant animal life, and virgin forests; and

WHEREAS the development of the State of Alaska depends upon the opening of new lands to settlement, mining, logging and other industries, and to tourist trade; and

WHEREAS the opening of new areas and the development of settled portions of the state are dependent on improved transportation through the construction of roads and highways throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska must rely heavily on the Bureau of Public Roads for highway construction and improvement assistance; and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Public Roads has recently downgraded its Alaska regional office to a division office under the jurisdiction of the Region 8 office in Portland, Oregon, through which the state will have to channel its requests, plans, and programs, thus creating a procedural bottleneck impeding the progress of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Public Roads acting under the Department of Transportation is requested to rectify this situation by removing the procedural impediment and restoring to the State of Alaska its Bureau of Public Roads regional status.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; The Honorable Alan S. Boyd, Secretary of Transportation; The Honorable Lowell K. Bridwell, Federal Highway Administrator; The Honorable Frank C. Turner, Director of the Bureau of Public Roads; and The Honorable E. L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.