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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

Relating to the Taylor Highway.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the famed "Forty Mile Highway", also known as the Taylor Highway, remains to date a gravel road which over the years has received no major maintenance or repair; and

WHEREAS this highway has deteriorated to the point where many sections of the road are almost impassable and especially for those vehicles towing trailers; and

WHEREAS innumerable tourists enter or leave Alaska by the Taylor Highway, it being the only roadway, other than the Alaska Highway, which offers direct access to Alaska via automobile; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the heavy utilization of this road by visitors to our state, the road is the lifeline for several hundred Alaskans as they must depend on vehicular transportation for the necessities of life; and

WHEREAS the road in its present condition is an embarrassment to the citizens of Alaska, is detrimental to our expanding tourism industry, and otherwise causes Alaskans and non-Alaskans alike untold hardship and inconveniences; and

WHEREAS the forty-mile country encompasses some of the most beautiful and scenic areas of Alaska as well as abounding with evidence of the "gold rush" era;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to

have the necessary specifications drawn for the complete reconstruction of the Taylor Highway.