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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77

Relating to the initiation of rail commuter service between the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and Anchorage.

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

WHEREAS, in response to public inquiries, the Alaska Railroad is investigating the possibility of initiating rail commuter service between Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley; and

WHEREAS initiation of a rail commuter service would lessen many costs associated with the use of the private automobile, including highway construction and maintenance and parking; and

WHEREAS movement of commuters by rail involves less damage to the environment and more efficient use of energy than the private automobile; and

WHEREAS the saving of energy resources, tax money, the public health and the quality of life realized by the operation of rail commuter service would justify any subsidy required to maintain such a service;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it requests the Secretary of Transportation, through the Acting Administrator of the Federal Rail Administration, to initiate rail commuter service between Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and to provide for subsidy for that service in the amount which may be required.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William T. Coleman, Jr., Secretary, Department of Transportation; the Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens

and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.