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Relating to reconstruction and paving of the Alaska Highway.

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

WHEREAS the United States and Canada have entered into an agreement to reconstruct and pave the Alaska Highway from the Alaska-Canada border to Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada, and the Haines Cutoff Highway from Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada, to the Alaska-Canada border near Haines, Alaska, known as the Shakwak Project, as authorized in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS the Congress authorized \$59,000,000 in 1973 for the project and has appropriated \$47,000,000 to the Federal Highway Administration for actual construction by Canada; and

WHEREAS the Congress has further authorized \$20,000,000 a year for fiscal years 1993 - 1996 under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, which has been fully appropriated; and

WHEREAS the Congress further authorized \$18,800,000 a year for fiscal years 1998 - 2002 under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, of which \$84,900,000 has

been appropriated; and

WHEREAS, in the last 21 years, the state has provided \$37,000,000 of state federal-aid highway apportionments to assist in meeting the obligations of the agreement; and

WHEREAS the estimated amount necessary to complete the entire project was in the order of \$260,000,000 in United States dollars;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States government and respectfully urges the Canadian government to honor their agreement and provide the additional funds necessary through direct federal appropriations, independent of the federal funds apportioned to Alaska by the Federal Highway Administration, to complete the remaining portions of the Shakwak project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is respectfully requested to immediately appropriate an additional \$45,000,000 to allow reconstruction of the remaining 18 miles of the Alaska Highway to a bituminous surface treatment standard and to replace four bridges in order to meet the serviceability requirements of the highway.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Don Boudria, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada; the Honourable Larry Bagnell, Member of Parliament, House of Commons, Canada; the Honourable Pat Duncan, Premier, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honourable Dennis Schneider, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honourable Scott Kent, Minister of Infrastructure, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honourable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honourable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honourable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honourable Norman Y. Mineta, United States Secretary of Transportation; and to the Honourable Ted Stevens and the Honourable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honourable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.