

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BRONSON

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of Inter-
6 national Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks
7 to Nome.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN FIRST
9 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, it is manifest that the extension and development
11 of transportation lines and facilities are essential to the
12 national interest in the development and defense of Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS, both federal and state authorities have long been
14 aware of the need and desirability of extending International
15 Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome as part of this development
16 and defense plan; and

17 WHEREAS, the extension of the Fairbanks-Nome highway would
18 benefit both the nation and the state by making possible the
19 economic development of the oil and tin deposits in the Kateel and
20 Lost River areas and other known mineral resources of the region;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the extension of the highway to Nome will end the
23 surface isolation of the vital air defense and communication
24 defense installations at Galena and the numerous White Alice sites
25 along or adjoining the proposed Fairbanks-Nome route;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
27 First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the appropriate
28 agencies of the federal government be urged to plan and construct
29 the extension of International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to

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Nome with all deliberate speed; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed
to the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; the
Honorable Frederick H. Mueller, Secretary of Commerce; the Honor-
able Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator, Bureau of
Public Roads; the Honorable William J. Niemi, Regional Engineer,
Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable Members of the Alaska Inter-
national Rail and Highway Commission; The Honorable E. L. Bartlett
and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the
Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.