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IN THE HOUSE

BY MESSRS. NUSUNGINYA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to a road from Fairbanks
to Point Barrow.

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

WHEREAS, a vast area north of the Yukon River is now acces-
sible only by air, by hazardous and uncertain trails, or along
the coast by a circuitous sea route during a short time each
year; and

WHEREAS, this area has many inhabitants, numerous defense
installations, and rich natural resources, including minerals,
petroleum and natural gas; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the lack of transportation routes on
land, the people of Alaska and the country are denied access to
this area, hampering defense, prohibiting the use of the natural
resources, and severely limiting travel in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Pan American Highway now permits road travel
from Central America to Fairbanks, and will soon be extended
south to Cape Horn; and

WHEREAS, Point Barrow, the northernmost city in the United
States, at the top of the world, would, if accessible to the
Pan American Highway, be a strong attraction to tourists from
within and without the state; and

WHEREAS, a highway from Fairbanks to Point Barrow would
solve or alleviate all of these problems, and provide an ideal
origin for a secondary highway system throughout northern and

1 western Alaska;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
3 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the appropriate
4 agencies of the federal government be urged to plan and construct
5 a highway from Fairbanks to Point Barrow as soon as possible; and
6 be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forward-
8 ed to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the
9 Honorable Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable
10 Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator; William J. Niemi,
11 Regional Engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads; the members of
12 the Alaska District Rail and Highway Commission; Major General
13 Frank S. Besson, Jr., Chief of Transportation, U. S. Army; and
14 the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.