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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to repairs to the dike
6 protecting Hyder.

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

9 WHEREAS, the community of Hyder, Alaska, is situated near the
10 east bank of the Salmon River at its entrance to the Portland
11 Canal; and

12 WHEREAS, Hyder has been saved in the past by a protective
13 dike from the ravages of the Salmon River during the Fall and
14 Winter seasons when, due to seasonal thawing, the river rises and
15 overflows its banks; and

16 WHEREAS, the protective dike was badly damaged and partially
17 destroyed in December, 1961, because of its deteriorated condi-
18 tion due to many years of service, and could not resist the
19 pressure of the rampaging waters of the Salmon River; and

20 WHEREAS, the overflowing waters invaded the community and
21 caused the people to fear for their lives and homes and resulted
22 in loss of property; and

23 WHEREAS, the community of Hyder is in imminent danger because
24 of the present condition of the dike and are under constant threat
25 of another flooding of the community, which its residents cannot
26 possibly avert by their efforts; and

27 WHEREAS, the potential loss of life and property and the
28 loss of an old, established community of Alaska with a great ex-
29 pectation of future development with its many tourist attractions

1 and its mining center capable of economic growth and prosperity,
2 warrants the immediate repair of the Hyder dike; and

3 WHEREAS, the Federal Government has established a flood con-
4 trol program to benefit such communities as Hyder; and

5 WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has in the past
6 assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the Hyder dike;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
8 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the U. S. Army
9 Corps of Engineers is respectfully urged to make the following
10 emergency repairs and improvements: first, replace and rebuild
11 the portions of the Hyder dike that were completely washed out and
12 which will require approximately 1,200 cubic yards of rip-rap and
13 7,000 cubic yards of additional fill; second, rebuild or brace the
14 remaining portions of the dike intact but which are weakened; and
15 third, determine any further precautionary measures to be taken
16 to prevent a future recurrence of a washout of the dike; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Government is urged to
18 support a flood control program to prevent future floodings of
19 Hyder; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
21 the Honorable H. H. Buckman, President, and the Honorable Overton
22 Brooks, Member of Congress and Chairman, National Rivers and
23 Harbors Congress, Washington, D. C.; the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr,
24 Secretary of the Army; Lt. General W. K. Wilson, Jr., Chief of
25 Engineers, U. S. Army; Colonel Christian Hanburger, District
26 Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army; and the members of the
27 Alaska Delegation to Congress.
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