

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 84

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a feasibility study

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for a bridge from Mt. Edgecumbe

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to Sitka.

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

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SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, Mt. Edgecumbe, with a population of 2,000, is

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located across a narrow 300 yard channel from Sitka, with a popu-

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lation of 4,500, and there is no bridge or tunnel connecting the

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two communities; and

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WHEREAS, much of the Mt. Edgecumbe community is composed of

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federal employees and their families working for the Bureau of

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Indian Affairs, the Public Health Service at the Mt. Edgecumbe

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Boarding School, and the U. S. Public Health Service Alaska Native

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Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, about one-fourth of those employees live in Sitka

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and nearly all the school children of those employees go to school

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in Sitka; and

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WHEREAS, supplies for the operation of federal facilities at

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Mt. Edgecumbe come from Sitka; and

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WHEREAS, necessary reliance on uncertain small boat transpor-

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tation for personnel and supplies from Mt. Edgecumbe to Sitka and

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back results in expensive operating costs for the federal facili-

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ties and burdensome and occasionally hazardous transportation for

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federal personnel working at Mt. Edgecumbe; and

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WHEREAS, the federal facilities at Mt. Edgecumbe cannot be

1 expanded until motor vehicle traffic between Mt. Edgecumbe and
2 Sitka is possible;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska,
4 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the United
5 States Department of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, is
6 respectfully urged to study the feasibility of constructing a
7 bridge from Mt. Edgecumbe to Sitka, designed so as to permit
8 steamer traffic on the channel, or the feasibility of any other
9 plan that would allow motor vehicle traffic from Mt. Edgecumbe
10 to Sitka, and to recommend possible locations for that construc-
11 tion; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
13 the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Secretary of the Army; Colonel
14 Christian Hanburger, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S.
15 Army; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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