

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to a feasibility study
6 for a bridge from Mt. Edgecumbe
7 to Sitka.

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

10 WHEREAS, Mt. Edgecumbe, with a population of 2,000, is
11 located across a narrow 300 yard channel from Sitka, with a popu-
12 lation of 4,500, and there is no bridge or tunnel connecting the
13 two communities; and

14 WHEREAS, much of the Mt. Edgecumbe community is composed of
15 federal employees and their families working for the Bureau of
16 Indian Affairs, the Public Health Service at the Mt. Edgecumbe
17 Boarding School, and the U. S. Public Health Service Alaska Native
18 Hospital; and

19 WHEREAS, about one-fourth of those employees live in Sitka
20 and nearly all the school children of those employees go to school
21 in Sitka; and

22 WHEREAS, supplies for the operation of federal facilities at
23 Mt. Edgecumbe come from Sitka; and

24 WHEREAS, necessary reliance on uncertain small boat transpor-
25 tation for personnel and supplies from Mt. Edgecumbe to Sitka and
26 back results in expensive operating costs for the federal facili-
27 ties and burdensome and occasionally hazardous transportation for
28 federal personnel working at Mt. Edgecumbe; and

29 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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