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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the repairing, sur-
6 facing, paving, and restoration
7 of the Girdwood - Ingram Creek
8 section of the Seward - Anchorage
9 Highway in 1966.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 WHEREAS the March 27, 1964 earthquake disaster caused severe
12 and devastating damage to the roadbed, bridges, and paving of the
13 Girdwood - Ingram Creek section of the Seward - Anchorage Highway,
14 which is approximately 18 miles in length and located in the
15 Portage - Turnagain Arm area; and

16 WHEREAS the Seward - Anchorage Highway is the only and main
17 artery for vehicle traffic between Anchorage and the cities on the
18 Kenai Peninsula and therefore vital for the exchange of commerce
19 between the cities; and

20 WHEREAS many businesses on the Kenai Peninsula are almost
21 completely dependent on the tourist traffic which travels to the
22 Kenai Peninsula over the Seward - Anchorage Highway; and

23 WHEREAS the natural resources on the Kenai Peninsula,
24 petroleum products, fisheries, lumber and tourist attractions,
25 contribute substantially to the annual tax revenue of the state;
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27 WHEREAS many points of historical interest, important to the
28 1967 Centennial tourist traffic, are located on the Kenai Peninsula;
29 and

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1 WHEREAS the surface of the Girdwood - Ingram section of the
2 Seward - Anchorage Highway continues to be in a rough and un-
3 finished condition which discourages tourists and other traffic
4 from traveling to and from the Kenai Peninsula; and

5 WHEREAS it is reported that the current plans of the
6 Department of Highways do not call for the completion of the
7 construction and restoration of the Girdwood - Ingram section of
8 the Seward - Anchorage Highway until the end of 1967;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Commissioner of the
10 Department of Highways are respectfully urged to give the recon-
11 struction of the Girdwood - Ingram Creek section of the Seward -
12 Anchorage Highway a high priority in the state's highway
13 construction program for the current year of 1966 and to immedi-
14 ately draw up specifications and to let bids for most of the work
15 necessary to pave the Girdwood - Ingram Creek section of the
16 Anchorage - Seward Highway and to restore same to its pre-
17 earthquake condition by the end of the current year 1966.

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