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4 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

5 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

6 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

7 Relating to the completion of  
8 the Copper River Highway.

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

10 WHEREAS in the last two decades more than \$16 million in  
11 state and federal funds has been invested in constructing part of  
12 the programmed Copper River Highway; and

13 WHEREAS prior to statehood the federal government determined  
14 that the Cordova to Chitina Highway was both needed and feasible  
15 as a vital link in the Alaska highway system and this position  
16 was endorsed by Alaska when it became a state; and

17 WHEREAS the earthquake disaster of March 27, 1964, re-  
18 emphasized the importance of having this alternate highway link  
19 from coastal to interior Alaska but the Bureau of Public Roads  
20 now seeks to reverse its decision, work and investment of a  
21 decade by issuing a stop order on the construction of the Copper  
22 River Highway, delaying the approval of emergency funds for the  
23 reconstruction of highway areas damaged or destroyed in the earth-  
24 quake;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska  
26 joins with Governor William A. Egan in emphasizing that continua-  
27 tion of construction on the Copper River Highway from Cordova to  
28 Chitina and the reconstruction of damaged portions of the highway  
29 during the 1965 construction season are of paramount importance  
to the State of Alaska and that action be taken immediately to  
insure that construction and reconstruction can proceed during the

1 1965 construction season;

2 and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed  
4 to the Honorable John T. Connor, Secretary of Commerce; the  
5 Honorable Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator; the  
6 Honorable William J. Niemi, Alaska Regional Engineer, Bureau of  
7 Public Roads; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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