

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to rail ferry service  
6 for motor vehicles between Healy  
7 and McKinley Park station.

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

9 WHEREAS McKinley National Park is a favorite tourist attrac-  
10 tion in the state; and

11 WHEREAS during the summer season, tourists traveling by  
12 motor vehicle between the Anchorage and Fairbanks areas who wish  
13 to visit the park may avoid the circular side trip from the park  
14 to Fairbanks over the Denali, Richardson and Alaska Highways,  
15 which is over 300 miles, only if special arrangements are made  
16 through Fairbanks to have a rail flatcar provided to ferry auto-  
17 mobiles for the 11-mile stretch between Healy and McKinley Park  
18 station; and

19 WHEREAS regularly scheduled rail ferry service between these  
20 stations would encourage more visitors to tour the park; and

21 WHEREAS regularly scheduled rail ferry service between Healy  
22 and McKinley Park station during the tourist season could be pro-  
23 vided through use of the existing railroad facilities and person-  
24 nel at these stations if rolling stock suitable for this service  
25 is kept at these stations during the summer months;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Railroad is urged to provide  
27 regularly scheduled motor vehicle ferry service between Healy and  
28 McKinley Park station during the tourist season and to establish  
29 reasonable charges for this service.

1           COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable  
2 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable George  
3 B. Hartzog, Jr., Director, National Park Service; the Honorable  
4 John E. Manley, General Manager, Alaska Railroad; and the  
5 Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S.  
6 Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative,  
7 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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