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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the completion of
6 the Copper River Highway.

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

8 WHEREAS, over the past decade more than \$16 million in state
9 and federal funds has been invested in constructing part of the
10 programmed Copper River Highway; and

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

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

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

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1 1965 construction season; and be it

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

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