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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of
6 a highway across the Alaskan
7 Peninsula north of the Katmai
8 National Monument.

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

10 WHEREAS the development of transportation facilities in
11 Alaska is essential for the progress of the state and welfare of
12 its population; and

13 WHEREAS the Bristol Bay area is isolated, with the exception
14 of marine transportation for three months and air traffic; and

15 WHEREAS the Bristol Bay area does not have an overland access
16 to either the ice-free ports on the southern coast of the Alaska
17 Peninsula or the state highway system, including the Homer-Kodiak
18 ferry; and

19 WHEREAS a highway across the Alaska Peninsula north of the
20 Katmai National Monument would make it possible to extend the
21 ferry service to terminals on the Alaska Peninsula providing
22 a valuable link in an eventual circuit connecting Bristol Bay
23 and the Kuskokwim Valley with Cook Inlet and the Susitna Valley;
24 and

25 WHEREAS a road crossing the Alaska Peninsula north of the
26 Katmai National Monument connecting Cook Inlet with Bristol Bay
27 could do much to open up the lands in that vicinity for tourism
28 and the development of their resource potential;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Public Roads is urgently

1 requested to provide technical and financial assistance to the
2 state for the planning and construction of a highway across the
3 Alaska Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument; and be it

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

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