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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the downgrading of
6 Alaska from a regional office to a
7 district office by the Bureau of
8 Public Roads.

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

10 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is endowed with the potential of becoming
11 the richest state in the Union by reason of its vast eise, unexplored
12 mineral wealth, abundant animal life, and virgin forests; and

13 WHEREAS the development of the State of Alaska depends upon the opening
14 of new lands to settlement, mining, logging and other industries, and to
15 tourist trade; and

16 WHEREAS the opening of new areas and the development of settled portions
17 of the state are dependent on improved transportation through the construction
18 of roads and highways throughout Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Alaska must rely heavily on the Bureau of Public
20 Roads for highway construction and improvement assistance; and

21 WHEREAS the Bureau of Public Roads has recently downgraded its Alaska
22 regional office to a division office under the jurisdiction of the Region 8
23 office in Portland, Oregon, through which the state will have to channel its
24 requests, plans, and programs, thus creating a procedural bottleneck impeding
25 the progress of Alaska;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Public Roads acting under the
27 Department of Transportation is requested to rectify this situation by
28 removing the procedural impediment and restoring to the State of Alaska its
29 Bureau of Public Roads regional status.

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1 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
2 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Alan S. Boyd,
3 Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable Lowell K. Bridwell, Federal
4 Highway Administrator; the Honorable Frank C. Turner, Director of the
5 Bureau of Public Roads; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
6 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.
7 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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