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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the development of the Nome-  
6 Fairbanks Highway.

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

8 WHEREAS a Nome-Fairbanks highway has been a route long sought after  
9 by Alaskans as a means of opening up western and northwestern Alaska to  
10 develop the known rich mineral potential in this area; and

11 WHEREAS specific examples of this mineral potential are shown by  
12 important beryllium claims being staked on the Seward Peninsula; opening  
13 of a large mine by Kennicott Copper in the Kobuk Valley; and the known rich  
14 oil deposits in the Koyukuk area; and

15 WHEREAS the Yukon River is well suited for ferry shuttles from a  
16 point around Tanana, where the road would be expected to join the river  
17 on the east side, to a point around Koyukuk, where the road would be  
18 expected to join the river on the west side; and

19 WHEREAS the Yukon ferry-highway would forestall construction of  
20 expensive bridges over the Yukon and Koyukuk rivers and avoid construction  
21 and maintenance of approximately 300 miles of road; and

22 WHEREAS it is possible that federal matching funds could be made  
23 available for the construction of the marine-ferries;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Public Roads approve a route to  
25 Nome and the northwest by utilising the Yukon ferry concept and that they  
26 join with the Alaska Department of Highways in developing route studies to  
27 ferry sites in the vicinity of Koyukuk and Tanana.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Alan S. Boyd,  
29 Secretary, Department of Highways; The Honorable Lowell K. Bridwell,

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1 Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; The Honorable Frank C.  
2 Turner, Director, Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Public Roads;  
3 The Honorable Warren C. Gonnason, Commissioner, Alaska Department of  
4 Highways; and The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest  
5 Gruening, U.S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S.  
6 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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