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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the federal cutback
6 in Alaska's highway construction
7 funds.

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

9 WHEREAS the growth and development of Alaska depends to a great extent
10 on the immediate expansion of its highway system; and

11 WHEREAS, because of the immense cost of highway construction, all
12 states must depend upon federal assistance; and

13 WHEREAS Alaska, as compared with other states, has received only a
14 fragmentary share of federal highway assistance it so rightfully deserves;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, in 1968, the state anticipated that 90 per cent of the \$69
17 million obligated to highway construction would be forthcoming from federal
18 matching funds; and

19 WHEREAS the Federal Highway Administration has proposed to slash Alaska's
20 highway funds by approximately \$35 million the state has been dealt a severe
21 blow; and

22 WHEREAS this cut in highway funds means that Alaska's highway program
23 will be set back at a time when it was only beginning to recover from the
24 blow received by the 1964 earthquake; and

25 WHEREAS the federal decision to cut Alaska's highway fund also means
26 that the state will not be permitted to expend the unobligated balance in
27 federal matching money which accumulated in the past as a result of the
28 slowdown following the earthquake and other factors;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully

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1 requests that the Federal Highway Administration withdraw its proposed cut-
2 back in Alaska highway construction funds by \$34,261,000.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Lyndon B.
4 Johnson, President of the United States; The Honorable Alan S. Boyd,
5 Secretary, Department of Transportation, The Honorable Lowell K. Bredwell,
6 Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and The Honorable E. L.
7 Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and The Honorable
8 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
9 Congress.

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