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1 IN THE HOUSE

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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 in  
6 Alaska's highway construction funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully  
29 requests that the Federal Highway Administration withdraw its proposed cut-

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1 back in Alaska highway construction funds by \$34,261,000.

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

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