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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a feasibility study  
6 for a canal between the Yukon and  
7 Kuskokwim Rivers.

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

9 WHEREAS there is presently a great interest on the part of the Japanese  
10 in Alaska products and resources; and

11 WHEREAS the Yukon River is without a seaport at its mouth, and products  
12 and resources from the Yukon Valley and the surrounding area cannot compete  
13 with those from Siberia which has access to ocean-going vessels; and

14 WHEREAS Bethel, on the Kuskokwim River, is the best developed and most  
15 accessible deep-water seaport in western Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS construction of a Yukon-Kuskokwim canal would greatly enrich the  
17 economy of Alaska by making the products and resources of the Yukon and  
18 Kuskokwim River valleys readily available to world markets;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested, with the  
20 cooperation of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, to initiate a study and  
21 prepare a report on the feasibility of the construction of a canal between  
22 the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

23 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lt. General William F.  
24 Cassidy, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; and to The Honorable E. L. Bartlett  
25 and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard  
26 W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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