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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of a
6 secondary highway between Fairbanks
7 and Nome.

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

9 WHEREAS highways in Alaska are essential factors in the settlement of
10 unoccupied lands, in the growth of the population, and in the general eco-
11 nomic development of the state; and

12 WHEREAS the northeastern interior of Alaska has remained sparsely
13 populated and economically undeveloped because of its inaccessibility to
14 potential residents, industry, businesses, and to tourists; and

15 WHEREAS the construction of a secondary highway between Fairbanks and
16 Nome, as an extension of that route unofficially designated as Highway 97,
17 will greatly assist the economic growth of Northeastern Alaska in that this
18 highway will provide access to the wealth of natural resources in that
19 area; and

20 WHEREAS this highway will also be of military defense value because it
21 will end the surface isolation of the vital defense communications installa-
22 tions along or adjoining the route; and

23 WHEREAS both state and federal authorities have for some time been
24 aware of the economic and military benefits which will accrue from a
25 Fairbanks to Nome highway;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
27 the Department of Highways to begin construction of the Nome-Fairbanks
28 highway as a secondary highway.

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