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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the lack of cooperation
6 between state and federal officials
7 in developing Northwest Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS all government employees, whether they be federal or state,
10 must work and cooperate together if the enormous potential of Alaska is to
11 be developed; and

12 WHEREAS in the past and present both state and federal officials and
13 employees have seen fit to expend funds for schools, streets, highways and
14 roads only in the more prosperous regions of the state; and

15 WHEREAS the government officials have used the Bureau of Indian Affairs'
16 program to build roads on Indian reservations only in Southeast Alaska and
17 not in Northwest Alaska where such roads are far more necessary and important
18 to the state; and

19 WHEREAS government officials and employees spend the majority of their
20 time in Southeast Alaska and thereby fail to find and solve the many
21 important problems faced by the people of Northwest Alaska's remote areas;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska directs
23 both the federal and state officials and employees to consider the problems
24 of remote areas more seriously, and expend more time and money in the
25 Northwest region of Alaska and coordinate their efforts to help develop
26 the great potential of the state.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Lyndon B.
28 Johnson, President of the United States; The Honorable Stewart L. Udall,
29 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; The Honorable Robert L. Bennett,

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1 Commissioner of Indian Affairs; The Honorable Owen D. Morken, Area Director,
2 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable
3 Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S.
4 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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