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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the construction of a high-

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way from Skagway, Alaska, to Carcross,

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Yukon Territory.

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

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WHEREAS the recent discovery in the Yukon Territory and northern British

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Columbia of deposits of tungsten, oil, silver, lead and asbestos illustrates

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the need for a highway connection between Carcross, Yukon Territory, and

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Skagway, Alaska; and

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WHEREAS such a highway route would also serve as a gateway from the

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southeast ferry system to this area, and would increase the number of tour-

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ists and sportsmen visiting the area; and

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WHEREAS a Skagway - Carcross road would be of invaluable assistance to

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the joint defense of Canada and Alaska in the event of an emergency; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska has already constructed a good deal of the

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highway from Skagway toward the Canadian border, leaving only a few miles of

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the portion of the proposed route on United States soil to be built;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the United States government is requested to urge

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the Canadian government to authorize the construction of the remaining por-

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tion of the proposed route in British Columbia and Yukon Territory; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fifth Alaska Legislature respectfully requests

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the governor to direct the Department of Highways to construct the remaining

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portion of the proposed route in Alaska.

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COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dean Rusk,

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Secretary of State; Canadian federal highway officials; and the highway

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ministers of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

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