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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the completion of the  
6 Resurrection Valley Tourist Access Road.

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

8 WHEREAS the Lowell Glacier, a potential tourist attraction, and an arm  
9 of the famous HARDING ICE CAP, the largest ice cap in the world, is situated  
10 about nine and one-half miles up Resurrection Valley from Mile 3 1/2 on the  
11 Seward Highway; and

12 WHEREAS records maintained by the U.S. Forest Service show and indi-  
13 cate that glaciers are a major tourist attraction to visiting tourists and  
14 that 96,000 tourists visited Mendenhall Glacier in 1968 and 135,000 tourists  
15 visited the Portage Glacier during the same year; and

16 WHEREAS it has been recognized that the construction of a tourist access  
17 road extending from Mile 3 1/2 on the Seward Highway to the foot of the  
18 Lowell Glacier would provide a fabulous tourist attraction to the people  
19 visiting Alaska throughout the summer tourist season; and

20 WHEREAS a reconnaissance survey was made in 1961, at the request of the  
21 state, which established the feasibility of the construction of such a road;  
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23 WHEREAS the construction of such a tourist access road would aid  
24 materially in improving Seward's economic base, which was so severely damaged  
25 and reduced by the March 1964 earthquake and tidal wave; and

26 WHEREAS, through the joint effort of the state and the citizens of the  
27 City of Seward, four and one-half miles of this tourist access road have been  
28 completed during the past year of 1968; and

29 WHEREAS it is estimated that \$125,000 will be required to complete the

1 remaining five miles of this road, whereby visiting tourists could travel  
2 to the immediate area at the foot of Lowell Glacier;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
4 the Department of Highways to program the funds necessary for construction  
5 and completion of the remaining five miles of the Resurrection Valley tourist  
6 access road for the 1969-1970 fiscal year.

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