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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of roads
6 from Bethel and Dillingham to Anchorage
7 and from Northwest Alaska to Fairbanks.

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

9 WHEREAS improved transportation is the key to successful development
10 of a healthy economy through increased trade, commerce and resource develop-
11 ment; and

12 WHEREAS improved transportation is essential to the cultural development
13 of communities and the exchange of ideas between people of the state; and

14 WHEREAS the people of rural Alaska and certain outlying communities
15 are separated by vast distances, with travel restricted through lack of
16 roads and highways; and

17 WHEREAS it is vitally important that consideration be given to the
18 needs of the people of rural Alaska and that the state realize the desperate
19 need for roads and highways to connect the villages and outlying areas of
20 the state; and

21 WHEREAS roads or highways connecting Bethel and Dillingham with
22 Anchorage and the Northwest portion of the state with Fairbanks would have
23 a tremendous impact on the development of a healthy economy in the villages
24 and communities interconnected and the regions traversed;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
26 the Department of Highways to immediately begin the necessary planning and
27 surveying for construction and early completion of roads or highways con-
28 necting Bethel and Dillingham with Anchorage and the Northwestern portion
29 of the state with Fairbanks; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Highways be directed to explore
2 the possibility of participation by the federal government in the funding
3 of the requested roads or highways.

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