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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to upgrading the road maintenance effort in the Nome district.

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

8 WHEREAS the state Department of Highways, especially in the Nome district, has not upgraded its maintenance effort in 60 years; and

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10 WHEREAS the department's philosophy in regard to snow-blocked roads is "God put it there and God will take it away"; and

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12 WHEREAS the number of automotive vehicles has substantially increased since this apathetic philosophy was developed; and

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14 WHEREAS the people of the area are penalized because of the lack of road maintenance and are restricted to using only 12 miles of road six months of the year; and

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17 WHEREAS the demand for maintenance to the existing secondary highways has substantially increased; and

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19 WHEREAS maintenance of secondary highways would be beneficial to the reindeer operators in the area; and

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21 WHEREAS road maintenance would afford access to hunting on the Nome Council to Safety Ferry road; and

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23 WHEREAS the state Department of Highways has adequate personnel to conduct the needed maintenance work; and

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25 WHEREAS modern road maintenance equipment is available to conduct year-round maintenance which is so essential to the people living and doing business in the area;

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28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to maintain the roads in the Nome district with the

1 viewpoint that the roads should be utilized by the people of the area.

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