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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a feasibility study for a
6 canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim
7 Rivers.

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

9 WHEREAS the Yukon River is without a seaport at its mouth; and

10 WHEREAS Bethel, on the Kuskokwim River, is the best developed and most
11 accessible deep-water seaport in western Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS construction of a Yukon-Kuskokwim canal would greatly enrich
13 the economy of Alaska by making the products and resources of the Yukon and
14 Kuskokwim River Valleys readily available to world markets; and

15 WHEREAS a canal linking the two rivers would greatly aid development,
16 not only economic, but otherwise, of the region;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
18 respectfully requested, with the cooperation of the United States Army Corps
19 of Engineers, to initiate a study and prepare a report on the feasibility of
20 the construction of a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

21 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General F. J.
22 Clarke, Chief of Engineers, United States Army; and to the Honorable Ted
23 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick
24 Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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