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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of a
6 road from Barrow to Wainwright via
7 the Will Rogers-Wiley Post Monument.

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

9 WHEREAS there is currently no vehicular transportation link between
10 Barrow and Wainwright; and

11 WHEREAS the construction of such a road would open up a transportation
12 artery which would vastly benefit great numbers of Alaska residents; and

13 WHEREAS located approximately 10 miles from Barrow is the historical
14 monument erected in honor of Will Rogers and Wiley Post; and

15 WHEREAS this monument is of great historical interest to all citizens
16 of the United States and presently cannot be reached by ordinary surface
17 transportation; and

18 WHEREAS many persons could be expected to visit this historical site
19 were it accessible by a road link from Barrow; and

20 WHEREAS a surface transportation route between Barrow and the monument
21 and then eventually to Wainwright would have a beneficial effect on the
22 economy of the areas; and

23 WHEREAS the building of such a road would provide access to heretofore
24 relatively inaccessible areas for the exploration of various mineral deposits;
25 and

26 WHEREAS this road is also needed for the continued orderly development
27 of this area of the state;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the federal govern-
29 ment is respectfully requested to negotiate an agreement with the State of

1 Alaska which would permit the state to construct a road at the earliest
2 possible time from Barrow to the Will Rogers-Wiley Post Monument and in due
3 time to Wainwright, or in the alternative, provide for federal construction
4 of the road in cooperation with the state.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
6 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable John H. Chafee,
7 Secretary of the Navy; Captain Emory C. Smith, Director, Office of Naval
8 Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
9 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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