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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 66

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a flood control project
6 for the North Star Borough and
7 Nenana area.

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

9 WHEREAS the Tanana Valley from the Canadian Border east of Northway
10 to the confluence of the Tanana River and the Yukon River at Tanana, Alaska,
11 has experienced disastrous high waters and flooding for periods of years;
12 and

13 WHEREAS it has been reported in the news media and is general knowledge
14 that the United States government is considering a flood control program
15 for the North Star Borough area, which project would include a straightening
16 of the Tanana River in the Fairbanks area; and

17 WHEREAS the flood control program for this area will affect the protec-
18 tion of life and property in the other areas of the Tanana River watershed;
19 and

20 WHEREAS the lives and the property of the residents of Nenana will be
21 especially vulnerable to disastrous consequences if the Tanana River and
22 natural flow of water is changed without corresponding changes in the Nenana
23 area;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that if the Corps of Engineers,
25 the United States Congress of the State of Alaska appropriates any funds for
26 the control of water from the watersheds within the boundaries of the North
27 Star Borough that they take into consideration the protection of life and
28 property in all of the other areas of the Tanana River watershed, and
29 specifically those areas down river from the Fairbanks area so as to assure

1 the residents of Nenana safety from flood conditions.

2 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General F. J.
3 Clarke, Chief of Engineers, United States Army; the Honorable Allen J.
4 Ellender, United States Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations
5 Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, United States Representative and
6 Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; the Honorable William A.
7 Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and to the Honorable Nick Begich,
9 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.