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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the allocation of
6 federal funds for public works
7 projects.

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

9 WHEREAS under federal law the United States Congress is currently
10 authorized to appropriate as much as \$500,000,000 for public works projects
11 throughout the United States; and

12 WHEREAS Congress has not seen fit to appropriate the total amount
13 authorized to date, even though Alaska and other areas of the country are
14 in dire need of public works projects and are enduring one of the highest
15 unemployment eras in our history; and

16 WHEREAS there is, in addition to the above-mentioned authorization,
17 legislation pending before Congress which calls for an accelerated public
18 works program in the amount of two billion dollars; and

19 WHEREAS Alaska in particular has great need for public works projects
20 of all types and in all areas of the state; and

21 WHEREAS Alaska is in a region composed of California, Oregon, Idaho,
22 Washington, Montana, Hawaii, American Samoa and Guam; and

23 WHEREAS Alaska's vast size and tremendous requirements would seem to
24 dictate that federal money for public works projects be distributed in a
25 more equitable manner, with Alaska being designated a separate region for
26 distribution purposes;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress
28 is urgently requested to authorize the expenditure of the total amount
29 currently authorized to be appropriated for public works projects as well as

1 give its early favorable consideration of pending legislation calling for
2 accelerated expenditures of money for public works projects; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urgently requests the federal
4 government to establish Alaska as a separate and single region for the
5 disbursement of money appropriated for public works projects.

6 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
7 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Allen J. Ellender,
8 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the
9 Honorable George H. Mahon, U. S. Representative, and Chairman of the House
10 Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
11 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Represen-
12 tative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.