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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 113
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the upgrading of road
6 facilities in Mt. McKinley National
7 Park.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States Park Service has announced that a plan to
10 restrict private automobile traffic from most of Mt. McKinley National Park
11 is under serious study; and

12 WHEREAS such a ban would effectively prevent Alaskans and tourists
13 alike from exploring the park at their leisure; and

14 WHEREAS among the reasons given for the contemplated closure is that
15 the road into the park is unimproved and with an expected greater influx
16 of visitors beginning this season, safety hazards would be prevelant; and

17 WHEREAS the people of this state and its many visitors should not be
18 penalized because of the federal government's failure to maintain and upgrade
19 road facilities in the park; and

20 WHEREAS the existing road facility does badly need maintenance and
21 continual care from this time on in order to accommodate visitors to the
22 park;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it respectfully requests
24 the United States Department of the Interior to immediately allocate the
25 necessary funds to the United States Park Service for the upgrading and
26 maintaining of the existing road into Mt. McKinley National Park; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Park Service be allocated the
28 necessary funds with which to construct additional roads in the park to give
29 visitors the opportunity to visit areas not now accessible, thus further

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1 enhancing what already is a "quality" experience.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C.B.
3 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M.
4 Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the
5 Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs
6 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
7 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members
8 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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