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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 prevalent; 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, with provision for an adjoining bicycle  
27 trail, into Mt. McKinley National Park.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C.B.  
29 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M.

1 Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the  
2 Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs  
3 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
4 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members  
5 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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