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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 118

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the paving of a portion
6 of the Alaska Highway.

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

8 WHEREAS President Nixon has recently announced the cancellation of
9 plans to go forward with the paving of the Alaska Highway; and

10 WHEREAS the reconstruction and paving of the Alaska Highway is crucially
11 important to Alaska's continued development and progress; and

12 WHEREAS the paving of the highway would reduce the dependence of the
13 North on seasonal transportation for bulk shipments, thus reducing the cost
14 of living in Alaska's northern communities; and

15 WHEREAS the paving of the highway would greatly stimulate tourist
16 traffic to Alaska and would also accelerate the construction of secondary
17 and local roads to provide a long needed primary road network in Alaska;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President is urgently
19 requested to reconsider his cancellation of plans for paving the Alaska
20 Highway and that he direct the Department of Transportation to carry forward
21 immediately with the review and analysis necessary to the implementation of
22 the reconstruction and paving of the Alaska Highway; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial top-priority segment of the project
24 be the paving of the 205-mile strip of highway between Haines Junction,
25 Yukon Territory and the Alaska border which would establish, in conjunction
26 with the Alaska Marine Highway System, good, dependable access to Alaska
27 from all other areas of our nation.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe,

1 Secretary, Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
2 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,
3 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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