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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 138 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Kuskokwim River
6 flood.

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

8 WHEREAS on May 17, 1972 the town of McGrath was being flooded by the
9 waters of the Kuskokwim River as the result of a series of ice jams down-
10 stream from that community; and

11 WHEREAS, although there is every indication that there are sufficient
12 disaster supplies and services available to prevent a major dislocation of
13 the community and its residents due to this season's flood waters, an effort
14 should be made at the earliest date to prevent future occurrences of flooding
15 that have plagued this community and others along the Kuskokwim River and
16 its tributaries; and

17 WHEREAS the United States Army Corps of Engineers has the capability
18 to undertake a river channel dredging project that would prevent potentially
19 disastrous future floods;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Army
21 Corps of Engineers is respectfully requested to conduct a feasibility study
22 of the dredging of the channel of the Kuskokwim River in the vicinity of the
23 town of McGrath to prevent future floods.

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert F.
25 Froehlke, Secretary, Department of the Army; to the United States Army Corps
26 of Engineers, and to its state headquarters in Anchorage; and to the Honor-
27 able Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the
28 Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
29 in Congress.