

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to flood control in the
6 Bethel area.

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

8 WHEREAS Bethel, Alaska is the trading center of the Kuskokwim River
9 Basin, and is in all ways important as a cultural and regional center; and

10 WHEREAS a major threat to the continued existence of Bethel and the
11 safety of its citizens is the continued erosion of the Kuskokwim River banks
12 which prevent flooding of the area; and

13 WHEREAS major structural measures to prevent the banks from eroding
14 are essential at the earliest possible time in order to remove this
15 imminent threat to Bethel and its citizens; and

16 WHEREAS a recent report by the Corps of Engineers recognized the
17 serious nature of the problem existing at Bethel, but declined to fund a
18 corrective project for the reason that the necessary structural measures
19 were not economically feasible;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska Legislature considers the
21 protection of the Bethel area citizens and their property of the highest
22 priority and urgently requests that the Corps of Engineers and the United
23 States Congress seek and provide adequate funding for a Corps of Engineers
24 project in the Bethel area to alleviate the existing disaster potential
25 occasioned by the erosion of the banks of the Kuskokwim River.

26 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General F. J.
27 Clarke, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; the Honorable Jennings Randolph,
28 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee; the
29 Honorable George H. Fallon, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House

1 Public Works Committee; the Honorable Allen J. Ellender, U. S. Senator and
2 Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H.
3 Mahon, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House Appropriations Com-
4 mittee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
5 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members
6 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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