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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting a feasibility study of
6 the construction of a road either
7 from Sitka to Warm Springs Bay or
8 from Sitka to Rodman Bay.

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

10 WHEREAS at a recent meeting of the Southeast Conference, an organization
11 consisting of municipal governments and chambers of commerce representing
12 every community in Southeast Alaska, the members of the conference unanimously
13 endorsed either a Sitka-Warm Springs Bay road or a Sitka-Rodman Bay road as
14 the number one priority road needed in Southeast Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS either road would be of great benefit to Sitka, to Southeast
16 Alaska, and to the state as a whole because each would considerably shorten
17 the ferry run to Sitka and thus free the ferry for improved service to other
18 communities in Southeast Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS each road, by eliminating the necessity of navigating the
20 treacherous Peril Strait passage and by providing for surface transportation
21 from either road terminus, the Sitka area would acquire increased trade and
22 commerce to the economic betterment of all its citizens; and

23 WHEREAS either route would give Sitka an additional tourist attraction
24 because of the spectacular and scenic country through which either would pass

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Eighth Alaska Legislature respectfully requests
26 the Governor to direct the Department of Highways to begin conducting, as
27 soon as possible, engineering studies of both a Sitka-Warm Springs Bay road
28 and a Sitka-Rodman Bay road with a view to determining which is the most
29 feasible route.