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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36 *Am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Taylor Highway.

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

7 WHEREAS the famed "Forty Mile Highway", also known as the Taylor Highway,
8 remains to date a gravel road which over the years has received no major
9 maintenance or repair; and

10 WHEREAS this highway has deteriorated to the point where many sections
11 of the road are almost impassable and especially for those vehicles towing
12 trailers; and

13 WHEREAS innumerable tourists enter or leave Alaska by the Taylor High-
14 way, it being the only roadway, other than the Alaska Highway, which offers
15 direct access to Alaska via automobile; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to the heavy utilization of this road by visitors
17 to our state, the road is the lifeline for several hundred Alaskans as they
18 must depend on vehicular transportation for the necessities of life; and

19 WHEREAS the road in its present condition is an embarrassment to the
20 citizens of Alaska, is detrimental to our expanding tourism industry, and
21 otherwise causes Alaskans and non-Alaskans alike untold hardship and incon-
22 veniences; and

23 WHEREAS the forty-mile country encompasses some of the most beautiful
24 and scenic areas of Alaska as well as abounding with evidence of the "gold
25 rush" era;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully
27 requested to direct the Department of Highways to immediately have the neces-
28 sary specifications drawn for the complete reconstruction of the Taylor
29 Highway; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconstruction of the Taylor Highway be of
2 the highest priority during the 1973 construction season.

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