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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the paving of the Hope  
6 Road.

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

8 WHEREAS the Village of Hope, located on the Kenai Peninsula, was founded  
9 in 1896 and has been continuously inhabited since that date; and

10 WHEREAS the village is in sight of Anchorage, but is a 90-mile drive  
11 from that city, connected to the Seward Highway by a 17-mile gravel spur road  
12 that was rebuilt to federal specifications before the 1964 earthquake; and

13 WHEREAS there has been a rapid growth of tourist activity lured by  
14 salmon spawning grounds in Resurrection Creek, the completion of U.S. Forest  
15 Service campgrounds in the vicinity, and the construction of more than 20  
16 new summer homes in the past three years; and

17 WHEREAS it is evident from the pall of dust that rises from the present  
18 Hope Road, visible across Turnagain Arm from the Seward Highway near Indian,  
19 that several hundred vehicles use this unpaved road daily in the summer  
20 months; and

21 WHEREAS the severe dust conditions on the road, especially during the  
22 tourist season, subject Hope area residents to serious health hazards; and

23 WHEREAS the cost of maintenance to the state has risen significantly due  
24 to the increase in traffic, and area residents also suffer added automobile  
25 depreciation and tire maintenance costs due to the adverse condition of the  
26 road -- costs that would be reduced significantly by the paving of the road;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respect-  
28 fully requested to direct the Department of Highways to pave the Hope Road  
29 from its junction with the Seward Highway to the Village of Hope as a high

1 priority during the 1974 construction season.

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