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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Pilgrim Springs Road.

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

7 WHEREAS Pilgrim Springs on the Seward Peninsula has been designated as
8 a known geothermal resources area by the U. S. Geological Survey; and

9 WHEREAS in view of the "energy crisis" there is great interest in the
10 development of geothermal resources in the United States; both the state and
11 the federal governments have enacted legislation to facilitate the explora-
12 tion and development of geothermal resources; and

13 WHEREAS there is no road connecting the Nome-Kougarok Road with Pilgrim
14 Springs, located approximately 50 road miles north of Nome, and eight miles
15 west of the Nome-Kougarok Road; and

16 WHEREAS Pilgrim Springs also is being proposed for resort development
17 with hot mineral baths, fishing and other recreational activities as well as
18 the site for the establishment of a fish hatchery; and

19 WHEREAS, because many residents of the Seward Peninsula wish to settle
20 in Pilgrim Springs, it may be desirable to organize a municipality; and

21 WHEREAS a road into Pilgrim Springs is essential for development of
22 geothermal resources, recreation and municipal governance; the revenue
23 potential of this development along will far exceed the cost to the state of
24 construction;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully re-
26 quested to direct the Department of Highways to plan for the construction of
27 a gravel road from the nearest convenient point on the Nome-Kougarok Road to
28 Pilgrim Springs; and that both funding and construction be given a high
29 priority during the 1974 construction season.