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BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the paving of the Hope Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS a nine year old boy was recently killed in an auto crash  
22 directly related to this dust pall; and

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

28 WHEREAS, almost one thousand Alaska residents have petitioned for its  
29 paving;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
2 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to pave or  
3 slurry seal the Hope Road from its junction with the Seward Highway to the  
4 Village of Hope as a high priority during the 1974 construction season.  
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