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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a feasibility study for
6 a canal between the Yukon and
7 Kuskokwim Rivers.

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

9 WHEREAS there is presently a great interest on the part of the Japanese
10 in Alaska products and resources; and

11 WHEREAS the Yukon River is without a seaport at its mouth, and products
12 and resources from the Yukon valley and the surrounding area cannot compete
13 with those from Siberia which have access to ocean-going vessels; and

14 WHEREAS Bethel, on the Kuskokwim River, is the best developed and most
15 accessible deep-water seaport in western Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS a resolution was introduced in the United States Congress in
17 1969 requesting the Corps of Engineers to review an earlier feasibility
18 study concerning a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers; and

19 WHEREAS the Corps of Engineers has estimated that \$200,000 will be
20 needed to update the canal study; and

21 WHEREAS construction of a Yukon-Kuskokwim canal would greatly enrich the
22 economy of Alaska by making the products and resources of the Yukon and
23 Kuskokwim River valleys readily available to world markets;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress
25 is urged to fund the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, in a sum suffi-
26 cient to permit the updating of the feasibility study done by the
27 Corps on construction of a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert F.
29 Froehlke, Secretary of the Army; Lieutenant General F. J. Clarke, Chief of

1 Engineers; the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations
2 Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations
3 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
4 U.S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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