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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Federal Highway Trust
6 Funds.

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

8 WHEREAS the urban and rural street and highway needs of all of the
9 states, and especially those of Alaska, far exceed available revenues under
10 present funding; and

11 WHEREAS the orderly improvement and development of the nation's road
12 systems is essential to continued economic growth as well as for the many
13 related benefits accruing therefrom, such as improved highway safety and the
14 social and recreational values for which adequate highways are necessary; and

15 WHEREAS the special taxes paid, in good faith, only by highway users for
16 highway purposes have been withheld by the executive branch of our national
17 government, contrary to congressional intent; and

18 WHEREAS in addition there are concerted efforts being made constantly
19 to divert and reduce these highway funds so that they may be utilized to
20 finance mass transit systems and for other non-highway purposes;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the United
22 States is urged to take all immediate action to have the withheld Federal
23 Highway Trust Fund money distributed to the states; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is urged to take
25 any and all action necessary to preserve the Federal Highway Trust Fund money
26 for highway uses only; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress take immediate appropriate action to
28 guarantee that Highway Trust Funds, as well as other funds, allocated to the
29 states by the Congress be paid promptly to them and to make clear and

1 definite that the executive branch shall not withhold such allocated funds,
2 in whole or in part.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Roy L. Ash, Director
5 Designate, Office of Management and Budget; the Honorable Carl Albert,
6 Speaker of the House; the Honorable James O. Eastland, President Pro Tempore
7 of the Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
8 U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.