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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed canal between
6 the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

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

8 WHEREAS in 1973 the Alaska Legislature requested the United States
9 Congress to fund the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, in an amount
10 sufficient to update an earlier feasibility study done by the Corps on con-
11 struction of a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers; and

12 WHEREAS the sum of \$40,000 was obtained by the Corps for phase I of the
13 requested study; and

14 WHEREAS this proposed project is of vital importance to the enrichment
15 of the economy of Alaska by making the products and resources of the Yukon
16 and Kuskokwim River valleys readily available to world markets; and

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

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

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
23 Congress is urged to fully fund the Corps of Engineers for completion of the
24 new feasibility study so that construction of the proposed canal can begin at
25 the earliest possible time.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Howard Callaway,
27 Secretary of the Army; Lieutenant General F. J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers;
28 the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee;
29 the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; and

1 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
2 and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
3 delegation in Congress.

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