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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE INTERIM
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting reconstruction and maintenance
6 of the Chitina-McCarthy Highway.

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

8 WHEREAS the completion of the Copper River and Northwest Railway in the
9 early 1900's provided land transportation between Prince William Sound and
10 interior Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS, since the closure of the Copper River and Northwest Railway
12 in 1939, this area has had to rely on personal land transportation over the
13 old railway roadbed between Chitina and McCarthy; and

14 WHEREAS the people of Alaska have the right to safe, efficient traffic-
15 ways on which to carry out the commerce, social, and economic needs of the
16 state; and

17 WHEREAS the Department of Highways has maintained the pioneer road
18 between Chitina and McCarthy and the road between McCarthy and May Creek for
19 approximately the last 15 years; and

20 WHEREAS the United States of America desires to develop mineral resources
21 within the country to lessen dependence on foreign mineral sources and the
22 state and particularly the areas that could be served by a road between
23 Chitina and May Creek are rich in mineral resources; and

24 WHEREAS one of the major restraints to development of these mineral
25 resources is lack of an adequate land transportation system; and

26 WHEREAS access into the May Creek area is dependent upon crossing
27 Nizina River and the present bridge is in need of major repairs;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that because of the vital
29 importance of the Chitina-McCarthy to May Creek Road to the economic and

1 social well-being of the state, the Governor is respectfully requested to
2 direct the Department of Highways to repair the road, and particularly the
3 Nizina River Bridge; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the Depart-
5 ment of Highways for their activities in maintaining and upgrading the
6 existing road from Chitina to McCarthy this past construction season; and
7 be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
9 the Department of Highways to continue maintenance on the Chitina-McCarthy
10 Road and to repair the bridge across the Nizina River sufficiently to handle
11 the anticipated traffic along this road; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Highways be requested to provide
13 maintenance from the Nizina River into May Creek.

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