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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of a
6 highway between Wrangell and Canada.

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

8 WHEREAS a highway connection between Southeast Alaska and the Stewart-
9 Cassiar Highway in Canada would be of tremendous commercial and cultural
10 importance to both Alaska and Canada; and

11 WHEREAS such a highway link between the Alaska panhandle area and
12 Canada would afford an alternate and more economic means for international
13 travel as well as travel between Southeast Alaska and the continental United
14 States; and

15 WHEREAS one possible route exists between Wrangell, via Berg Bay and
16 Aaron Creek to Canada, a distance of only 47 miles; and

17 WHEREAS Wrangell has an established deepwater international seaport
18 capable of servicing traffic to or from Canada; and

19 WHEREAS this proposed route would afford maximum access to all of
20 Southeast Alaska due to its central location on the panhandle; and

21 WHEREAS it appears that a highway could be reasonably constructed to
22 the Canadian border using existing roads, abandoned logging roads, and a
23 natural corridor along Aaron Creek to the Iskut Valley and then east to the
24 Stewart-Cassiar Highway, a distance of 100 miles from Wrangell;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
26 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to study and
27 survey the area from Berg Bay to the Canadian Border via Aaron Creek to
28 determine the feasibility of building a highway; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to

1 immediately begin negotiations with the proper Canadian authorities with the
2 objective of gaining their cooperation in constructing a highway from the
3 Stewart-Cassiar Highway to link it with the proposed highway from Wrangell
4 to the Canadian border.
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