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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to commuter service between

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Anchorage and the Matanuska Valley.

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

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WHEREAS each year the volume of traffic that must traverse the highway
9 between Anchorage and the Matanuska Valley increases sharply; and

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WHEREAS, when construction begins on the trans-Alaska pipeline, the
11 already existing congestion will be further increased many times over; and

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WHEREAS, if there was a daily commuter service available to the resi-
13 dents of Anchorage and the Matanuska Valley, it would be economically sound
14 and would greatly reduce the volume of highway traffic on a road that will
15 be unable to handle the anticipated traffic volume in the near future; and

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WHEREAS an improved transportation system is vital between Anchorage
17 and the Matanuska Valley from a safety factor as well as for the orderly
18 day to day business of commerce;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
20 Department of Transportation is urged to commence daily land car commuter
21 service between Anchorage and Palmer at the earliest possible time; and be
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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
24 the Department of Public Works to immediately undertake a feasibility study
25 of funding a mass transit system between Anchorage and Palmer, Alaska
26 and specifically the feasibility of a monorail system; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works submit its report
28 and recommendations to the Ninth Legislature - First Session.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Claude Brinegar,
2 Secretary of the Department of Transportation; the Honorable John A. Ingram,
3 Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; the Honorable Walker S.
4 Johnston, General Manager, Alaska Railroad; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
5 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators and the Honorable Don Young,
6 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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