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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Pilgrim Springs Road.

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

7 WHEREAS Pilgrim Springs on the Seward Peninsula has been designated as
8 a known geothermal resources area by the U. S. Geological Survey; and

9 WHEREAS in view of the "energy crisis" there is great interest in the
10 development of geothermal resources in the United States; both the state and
11 the federal governments have enacted legislation to facilitate the exploration
12 and development of geothermal resources; and

13 WHEREAS there is no road connecting the Nome-Kougarok Road with Pilgrim
14 Springs, located approximately 50 road miles north of Nome, and eight miles
15 west of the Nome-Kougarok Road; and

16 WHEREAS Pilgrim Springs also is being proposed for resort development
17 with hot mineral baths, fishing and other recreational activities as well as
18 the site for the establishment of a fish hatchery; and

19 WHEREAS, because many residents of the Seward Peninsula wish to settle
20 in Pilgrim Springs, it may be desirable to organize a municipality; and

21 WHEREAS a road into Pilgrim Springs is essential for development of
22 geothermal resources, recreation and municipal governance; the revenue po-
23 tential of this development alone will far exceed the cost to the state of
24 construction;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
26 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to plan for the
27 construction of a gravel road from the nearest convenient point on the Nome-
28 Kougarok Road to Pilgrim Springs; and that both funding and construction be
29 given a high priority during the 1975 construction season.

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