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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the Pilgrim Springs Road

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and extension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS a road into Pilgrim Springs is essential for development of geothermal resources, recreation and municipal governance; the revenue potential of this development alone will far exceed the cost to the state of construction; and

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WHEREAS it would be in the best interest of the state and the area if, in connection with the development of the Pilgrim Springs Road, an extension of that road was constructed approximately 20 miles to Taylor Creek and continuing north approximately 11 miles to Serpentine Hot Springs, since this

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1 extension would facilitate development and use of the area and the continuing  
2 construction is the most economical method of construction;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
4 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to plan for the  
5 construction of a gravel road from the nearest convenient point on the Nome-  
6 Kougarek Road to Pilgrim Springs, then extending to Taylor Creek and north  
7 from Taylor Creek to Serpentine Hot Springs; and that both funding and con-  
8 struction be given a high priority during the 1976 construction season.  
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