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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to financial assistance from the
6 federal government to restore state high-
7 way damage occasioned by construction of
8 the trans-Alaska pipeline.

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

10 WHEREAS the final completion of the trans-Alaska pipeline from Prudhoe
11 Bay to Valdez and its appurtenant facilities is of vital importance to the
12 national interest in mitigating the effects of the energy crisis; and

13 WHEREAS this largest, single, privately financed construction project
14 involves a highway movement of unprecedented amounts of supplies, materials,
15 and equipment; and

16 WHEREAS the majority of Alaska's present rural highway system was con-
17 structed during territorial days by agencies of the federal government for
18 far more modest levels of traffic; and

19 WHEREAS by the time of completion of the pipeline the State of Alaska
20 will be faced with the fact that the Richardson, Alaska, Elliott, and possibly
21 other highways will be literally destroyed due to the unprecedented trucking
22 over these highways occasioned by construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline;
23 and

24 WHEREAS the State of Alaska, even with anticipated oil revenues, will
25 still be hard pressed to meet its highway needs; and

26 WHEREAS the principles of equity demand that all the beneficiaries of
27 the trans-Alaska pipeline should share in the restoration of the damaged
28 portions of the state highway system, which is estimated to cost between
29 \$90 million and \$100 million;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of
2 Transportation is urgently requested to initiate such measures as are
3 necessary to provide federal financial assistance to Alaska in the appropriate
4 amounts to restore those highways damaged by pipeline-related traffic to safe
5 and modern conditions.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
7 President of the United States, the Honorable William T. Coleman, Jr.,
8 Secretary, Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
9 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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