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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the initiation of rail com-
6 muter service between the Matanuska-
7 Susitna Valley and Anchorage.

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

9 WHEREAS, in response to public inquiries, the Alaska Railroad is investi-
10 gating the possibility of initiating rail commuter service between Anchorage
11 and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley; and

12 WHEREAS initiation of a rail commuter service would lessen many costs
13 associated with the use of the private automobile, including highway con-
14 struction and maintenance and parking; and

15 WHEREAS movement of commuters by rail involves less damage to the
16 environment and more efficient use of energy than the private automobile; and

17 WHEREAS the saving of energy resources, tax money, the public health and
18 the quality of life realized by the operation of rail commuter service would
19 justify any subsidy required to maintain such a service;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it requests the
21 Secretary of Transportation, through the Acting Administrator of the Federal
22 Rail Administration, to initiate rail commuter service between Anchorage and
23 the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and to provide for subsidy for that service in
24 the amount which may be required.

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William T.
26 Coleman, Jr., Secretary, Department of Transportation; the Acting Administra-
27 tor, Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation; and
28 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators,
29 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska

1 delegation in Congress.

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