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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the upgrading of a certain

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portion of the Glenn Highway.

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

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WHEREAS the Glenn Highway is one of the principal highways leading out

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of Anchorage, Alaska, and is that community's only link with the rest of the

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continental highway system; and

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WHEREAS that part of the Glenn Highway between Anchorage and Palmer has

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been carrying rapidly increasing loads of daily commuter and industrial

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traffic; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska has been systematically upgrading the Glenn

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Highway to modern safe standards; and

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WHEREAS this upgrading has been substantially completed except for one

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section of 7.5 miles located between Peters Creek and Eklutna; and

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WHEREAS this unimproved section is one of the most dangerous portions of

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the state highway system; and

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WHEREAS approval of the final environmental impact statement and accom-

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panying 4(f) determination is now the only serious obstacle to the placing of

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this portion of the highway under contract; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Highways not only will mitigate any

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damage to the Mirror Lake Recreational Area, but plans to enlarge and enhance

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that area; and

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WHEREAS there is no feasible and prudent alternative to acquiring a

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right-of-way from the present Mirror Lake Recreational Area; and

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WHEREAS the final environmental impact statement and accompanying 4(f)

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determination have been under administrative review by the Federal Highway

1 Administration and the United States Department of Transportation since  
2 November of 1973; and

3 WHEREAS there is no evidence that the public interest would be served by  
4 further administrative review;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
6 Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Highway  
7 Administration are respectfully requested to take every effort to secure  
8 approval of the environmental impact statement, 4(f) determination, and other  
9 such administrative determinations as must be made to place this project  
10 under construction in order that this obsolete and hazardous section of  
11 highway can be upgraded in the shortest time possible.

12 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William T.  
13 Coleman, Jr., Secretary, Department of Transportation, the Honorable Norbert  
14 T. Tieman, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and to the Honorable  
15 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable  
16 Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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