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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the President to direct the
6 creation of a utility corridor for the ex-
7 tension of the Alaska Railroad to the
8 Canadian border.

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

10 WHEREAS it is essential that transportation links be developed if Alaska,
11 and especially interior Alaska, is ever to attain its full potential; and

12 WHEREAS, traditionally, railroad systems have been in the forefront of
13 the development of new territories, no matter where they have existed in the
14 world; and

15 WHEREAS the Yukon Territory is in the same position as Alaska in that
16 transportation systems are needed to aid further development; and

17 WHEREAS it would seem logical and proper that the Alaska Railroad
18 should connect with the Canadian railway system at some strategically located
19 point; and

20 WHEREAS such a transportation linkup would be of vast benefit to Alaska,
21 the Nation and to the Yukon; and

22 WHEREAS the designation of land for extension of the Alaska Railroad
23 should include a corridor wide enough to accommodate the state's future
24 transportation and utility needs in the area; and

25 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad has in its enabling Act, The Alaska Railroad
26 Act (43 U.S.C. 975 - 975(g)) authority to extend its track up to 1,000 miles
27 in length;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
29 the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of Transportation

1 to exercise the eminent domain authority found within the Alaska Railroad Act
2 (43 U.S.C. 975 - 975(g)), to acquire sufficient land for the extension of the
3 Alaska Railroad along a utility corridor to the Canadian border.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United
5 States; the Secretary of Transportation; the Administrator of the Federal
6 Railroad Administration; the General Manager of the Alaska Railroad; and to
7 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and
8 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
9 in Congress.

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