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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS it would seem logical and proper that the Alaska Railroad should
19 connect with the Canadian railway system at some strategically located point;
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21 WHEREAS such a transportation linkup would be of vast benefit to Alaska,
22 the Nation and to the Yukon; and

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

26 WHEREAS the proposed railroad extension would pass through land of
27 diverse ownership -- 62 per cent state selected, 18 per cent Native selected,
28 and 20 per cent federal public domain; and

29 WHEREAS the proposed railroad extension closely parallels an existing

1 highway for 80 per cent of its length; and

2 WHEREAS sec. 501(a) of P.L. 94-579 of October 21, 1976 authorizes the
3 establishment of rights-of-way by the Secretary of the Interior over public
4 domain land;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State House of Representatives respectfully
6 requests the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of the
7 Interior to reserve the necessary rights-of-way in any land conveyances for
8 the extension of the Alaska Railroad along a utility corridor to the Canadian
9 border.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
11 President of the United States; the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of
12 the Interior; the Honorable Brock Adams, Secretary of Transportation; the
13 Honorable Curt Berkland, Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and to
14 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and
15 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
16 tion in Congress.

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