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1 IN THE HOUSE BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Commending the Legislative Assembly
6 of the Province of British Columbia
7 for its activities in support of a
8 transcontinental rail connection.

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

10 WHEREAS the history of the formation of the Province of British Columbia
11 is linked to the construction of a railroad across the North American conti-
12 nent, linking the province to the Canadian provinces in the east; and

13 WHEREAS British Columbia has, for many years, maintained a policy of
14 railroad construction as the means of opening new frontiers for economic
15 development; and

16 WHEREAS successive provincial governments have initiated and maintained
17 a construction program to extend 400 miles of new track into the northern
18 portion of the province and toward Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS the completion of the railroad extension to Lower Post, on the
20 border between British Columbia and the Yukon, would be a significant first
21 step toward a transcontinental connection to Alaska, completion of which
22 would be a major economic significance to British Columbia, the Yukon, the
23 Northwest Territories, Alaska and the entire Pacific Rim; and

24 WHEREAS the present Government of the Province of British Columbia and
25 the leader of the Opposition have repeatedly expressed support for the
26 project.

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it commends the
28 people of the Province of British Columbia and provincial leaders for their
29 foresight in endorsing and supporting this project; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
2 the assistance and cooperation of provincial leaders in future efforts to see
3 this rail project to completion.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable W. R. Bennett,
5 Premier of the Province of British Columbia, and to David Barrett, Leader of
6 the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly.

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