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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Commending the Legislative Assembly

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of the Province of British Columbia

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for its activities in support of a

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transcontinental rail connection.

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

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WHEREAS the history of the formation of the Province of British Columbia

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is linked to the construction of a railroad across the North American conti-

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nent, linking the province to the Canadian provinces in the east; and

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WHEREAS British Columbia has, for many years, maintained a policy of

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railroad construction as the means of opening new frontiers for economic

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development; and

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WHEREAS successive provincial governments have initiated and maintained

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a construction program to extend 400 miles of new track into the northern

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portion of the province and toward Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the completion of the railroad extension to Lower Post, on the

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border between British Columbia and the Yukon, would be a significant first

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step toward a transcontinental connection to Alaska, completion of which

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would be a major economic significance to British Columbia, the Yukon, the

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Northwest Territories, Alaska and the entire Pacific Rim; and

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WHEREAS the present Government of the Province of British Columbia and

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the leader of the Opposition have repeatedly expressed support for the

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project.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it commends the

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people of the Province of British Columbia and provincial leaders for their

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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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