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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to construction of a deep
6 water port facility in Nome.

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

8 WHEREAS it is essential to the development of the City of Nome that a
9 deep water port facility be constructed to eliminate exorbitant fees for the
10 transportation of resources and goods; and

11 WHEREAS the city of Nome is in the process of constructing a port
12 facility; and

13 WHEREAS in order to complete the port facility a causeway must be
14 constructed extending outward from the shoreline 3,600 feet; and

15 WHEREAS a permit from the United States Corps of Engineers must be
16 obtained before the causeway can be constructed; and

17 WHEREAS the United States Bureau of Land Management has lodged an
18 objection with the United States Corps of Engineers to granting a permit for
19 the causeway unless the state waives claim to the additional submerged land
20 which would result from constructing the causeway; and

21 WHEREAS the residents of the Nome area will continue to pay exorbitant
22 fees for transportation of goods if construction of the deep water port
23 facility is delayed; and

24 WHEREAS failure to complete construction of the deep water port would
25 result in the loss of economic opportunity, a delay in developing natural
26 resources, and loss of jobs in an area with unemployment as high as 80
27 percent;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
29 Bureau of Land Management is requested to revoke its objection to the issu-

1 ance of a permit for the causeway in Nome by the United States Army Corps of
2 Engineers, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers is requested to
3 issue the permit so that Nome can construct a deep water port facility.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. W. Frank Gregg, Director,
5 United States Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Lt.
6 Gen. John W. Morris, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engi-
7 neers; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
8 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
9 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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