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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to reconstructing and

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paving parts of the Alaska

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Highway as authorized in the

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Federal-aid Highway Act of 1973.

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

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WHEREAS the United States government has entered into an agreement

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with the Canadian government to reconstruct and pave the Alaska Highway

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from the Alaskan border to Haines Junction in Canada and the Haines Cutoff

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Highway from Haines Junction in Canada to the Alaska border near Haines,

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Alaska, known as the Shakwak project, as authorized in the Federal-aid

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Highway Act of 1973; and

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WHEREAS Congress has authorized \$59 million for the project and has

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appropriated \$38 million to the Federal Highway Administration for actual

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construction by Canada; and

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WHEREAS Congress has not appropriated additional funding for the

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project and has also placed obligation limits on the money apportioned to

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the states by the Federal Highway Administration under Title 23 of the

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United States Code; and

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WHEREAS the effect of this obligation limit is to lock up a portion of

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the federal-aid highway money that the state receives annually; and

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WHEREAS the state estimates that an amount not to exceed \$36 million

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is needed to complete the agreed to portions of the project currently under

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construction;

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WHEREAS legislation (S. 2315) is pending in Congress which includes an

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amendment to 23 U.S.C. 218(a) to authorize the state to spend on this

1 project federal-aid highway money apportioned to the state, notwithstanding
2 any obligation limits; and

3 WHEREAS the state would prefer a system of federal administration with
4 state concurrence, rather than state administration, of this construction
5 project, thereby using the money which the state is otherwise restricted
6 from using, while keeping the administration of this international project
7 in federal hands;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature fully supports the use of
9 apportioned federal-aid highway funds, for the Shakwak project, above the
10 obligation limits; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature endorses the use of a
12 system of federal project administration, with state concurrence, for the
13 Shakwak project.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to R. A. Barnhart, Federal
15 Highway Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation; and to the
16 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
17 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
18 delegation in Congress.

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