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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Congress to remove the  
6 Highway Trust Fund and the Airport and  
7 Airway Trust Fund from the Unified  
8 Federal Budget.

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

10 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature believes it is inappropriate that the  
11 dedicated trust funds for highways and airports are subject to the Unified  
12 Federal Budget process; and

13 WHEREAS the highway and airport trust funds are funded by user fees  
14 collected in advance of expenditure and are dedicated to highway and air-  
15 port improvement programs; and

16 WHEREAS, at the national level, the Highway Trust Fund can support an  
17 annual spending level of over \$15,000,000,000 and the Airport and Airway  
18 Trust Fund can support an annual spending level of \$5,000,000,000; and

19 WHEREAS inclusion in the Unified Federal Budget has limited appro-  
20 priations from the Highway Trust Fund to less than \$13,000,000,000 a year  
21 and appropriations from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to approximately  
22 \$3,500,000,000 a year; and

23 WHEREAS the inclusion of appropriations from the highway and airport  
24 trust funds in the Unified Federal Budget prevents Alaska from receiving  
25 \$20,000,000 each year in highway funds and \$6,000,000 each year in airport  
26 funds to which the state is entitled; and

27 WHEREAS reductions in highway and airport transportation trust fund  
28 appropriations hamper Alaska's, as well as the other states', ability to  
29 address identified, critical transportation needs; and

1       WHEREAS the money in the highway and airport trust funds cannot be  
2 transferred to other programs included in the Unified Federal Budget; and

3       WHEREAS limitations on highway and airport trust fund expenditures  
4 reduce only the total federal budget but do not result in a real reduction  
5 in the federal deficit;

6       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
7 the Congress to remove the Highway Trust Fund and the Airport and Airway  
8 Trust Fund from the Unified Federal Budget.

9       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
10 Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Bush,  
11 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the  
12 Honorable James H. Burnley IV, Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable  
13 Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the  
14 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and  
15 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
16 delegation in Congress.

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