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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the expeditious redesign and

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reconstruction of the airport road in

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Bethel.

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

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WHEREAS Bethel has only 11 road miles within its road system; and

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WHEREAS the airport road in Bethel consists of 4.4 road miles; and

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WHEREAS the airport road in Bethel is a federal-aid secondary highway

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but has not received federal funds for repair or reconstruction since the

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road was paved in 1972; and

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WHEREAS the airport road in Bethel is an essential transportation

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artery that supports commerce and economic activities of the region; and

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WHEREAS use of the airport road is expected to increase in the future;

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WHEREAS Bethel is located in a region of ice rich and frost suscepti-

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ble soils that cause excessive and variable deflection of road surfaces

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resulting in pavement breakage, alligating, and associated fractures of

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the road; and

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WHEREAS the principles of arctic road construction were not totally

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understood when the Bethel road system was constructed; and

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WHEREAS modern technology and materials now allow construction of

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quality roads in arctic regions; and

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WHEREAS the redesign and reconstruction of the airport road will

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reduce the frequency of accidents on the road and the need for frequent

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repair of vehicles using the road;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

- 1 the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public Facil-
2 ities to assign a high priority to the expeditious redesign and recon-
3 struction of the airport road in Bethel.