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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the issuance of postal
6 stamps commemorating the 50th anniver-
7 sary of the construction of the Alaska
8 Highway.

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

10 WHEREAS 1992 will be the 50th anniversary of the construction of the
11 Alaska Highway from northern British Columbia, through the Yukon Territory,
12 and into Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the Alaska Highway, also known as the AlCan Highway, helped to
14 ensure that Alaska and the northwest would remain free from foreign occupa-
15 tion in World War II; and

16 WHEREAS the Alaska Highway was considered an engineering miracle when
17 its 1500 miles were built in nine months of 1942 through rough terrain and
18 during extremely unfavorable weather conditions; and

19 WHEREAS, since the end of World War II, the Alaska Highway has carried
20 the lifeblood of the economies of Alaska, the Yukon Territory, and northern
21 British Columbia along its route; and

22 WHEREAS it is appropriate that the 50th anniversary of the construc-
23 tion of the highway be celebrated by the issuance of a commemorative stamp;
24 and

25 WHEREAS the Government of Canada is also being requested to issue a
26 commemorative stamp on this occasion;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
28 Postal Service is requested to issue a commemorative stamp on the 50th
29 anniversary of the completion of the Alaska Highway; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** the United States Postal Service is requested to
2 coordinate with the Canada Post Corporation the simultaneous issuance of a
3 Canadian stamp commemorating the completion of the Alaska Highway.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Preston R.
5 Tisch, Postmaster General; to Mr. Belmont Faries, Chairman of the Stamp
6 Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service; and to the Honorable Ted
7 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
8 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
9 gress.