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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of
6 the construction of the Alaska Highway
7 and requesting the issuance of commem-
8 orative postal stamps by the United
9 States Postal Service and the Canada
10 Post Corporation.
11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
12 WHEREAS 1992 will be the 50th anniversary of the construction of the
13 Alaska Highway from northern British Columbia, through the Yukon Territory,
14 and into Alaska; and
15 WHEREAS the Alaska Highway, also known as the Alcan Highway, helped to
16 ensure that Alaska and the Northwest would remain free from foreign occupa-
17 tion in World War II; and
18 WHEREAS the Alaska Highway was considered an engineering miracle when
19 its 1500 miles were built in nine months of 1942 through rough terrain and
20 during extremely unfavorable weather conditions; and
21 WHEREAS the construction of the Alaska Highway was undertaken by the
22 following units of the United States Army Corps of Engineers:
23 (1) 18th and 35th Combat Engineer Regiments;
24 (2) 340th and 341st General Services Regiments;
25 (3) 93rd, 95th, and 97th Army Engineer Regiments;
26 (4) 133rd, 134th, 140th, and 141st Quartermaster Truck Com-
27 panies;
28 (5) 428th Engineer Heavy Dump Truck Company;
29 (6) 73rd and 74th Light Pontoon Companies;

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1 (7) 29th and 648th Engineer Topographic Battalions; and
2 WHEREAS, since the end of World War II, the Alaska Highway has carried
3 the lifeblood of the economies of Alaska, the Yukon Territory, and northern
4 British Columbia along its route; and
5 WHEREAS it is appropriate that the 50th anniversary of the construc-
6 tion of the highway be celebrated by the issuance of a commemorative stamp;
7 and
8 WHEREAS the Government of Canada is also being requested to issue a
9 commemorative stamp on this occasion;
10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
11 Postal Service is requested to issue a commemorative stamp on the 50th
12 anniversary of the completion of the Alaska Highway; and be it
13 FURTHER RESOLVED the United States Postal Service is requested to
14 coordinate with the Canada Post Corporation the simultaneous issuance of a
15 Canadian stamp commemorating the completion of the Alaska Highway.
16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Preston R.
17 Tisch, Postmaster General; to Mr. Belmont Faries, Chairman of the Stamp
18 Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service; to the Honorable Don
19 Landers, President, Canada Post Corporation; and to the Honorable Ted
20 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
21 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
22 gress.