

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 94

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the Federal Highway Trust

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Fund.

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

8 WHEREAS the Federal Highway Trust Fund was established in 1956 for the
9 specific purpose of financing improvements to highway systems, and the
10 users fees deposited into this fund may be spent only for transportation
11 purposes; and

12 WHEREAS in recent years the highway trust fund has been included in
13 the Unified Federal Budget, and thus is subject to arbitrary expenditure
14 ceilings for the purpose of reducing the federal budget deficit, despite
15 the fact that trust fund expenditures do not contribute to the federal
16 budget deficit; and

17 WHEREAS the imposition of expenditure limitations on the highway trust
18 fund has resulted in the accumulation of over \$9,000,000,000 in unappor-
19 tioned highway funds; and

20 WHEREAS the unapportioned funds and withheld interest in the highway
21 trust fund have been borrowed for nonhighway related purposes, and this
22 cash balance has been replaced by United States Treasury notes against the
23 general fund;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature petitions the United
25 States Congress to remove the Federal Highway Trust Fund from the Unified
26 Federal Budget and to protect the trust fund from predatory proposals to
27 divert highway user revenues to programs unrelated to the transportation
28 purposes for which the trust fund was established; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress repay to the Federal Highway Trust

1 Fund those funds that have been borrowed from it, and that the excess funds
2 accumulated in the trust fund be paid out for highway projects over a
3 five-year period, beginning in fiscal year 1992.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
5 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
6 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S.
7 Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Samuel
8 K. Skinner, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and to the
9 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
10 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska dele-
11 gation in Congress.