

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 96

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to reconstructing and paving  
6 parts of the Alaska Highway as author-  
7 ized in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of  
8 1973.

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

10 WHEREAS the United States and Canada entered into an agreement to  
11 reconstruct and pave the Alaska Highway from the Alaska-Canada border to  
12 Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada, and the Haines Cutoff Highway  
13 from Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada to the Alaska-Canada border  
14 near Haines, Alaska, known as the Shakwak project, as authorized in the  
15 Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973; and

16 WHEREAS the Congress has authorized \$59,000,000 for the project and  
17 has appropriated \$38,000,000 to the Federal Highway Administration for  
18 actual construction by Canada; and

19 WHEREAS the Congress has not appropriated additional direct funding  
20 for the project; and

21 WHEREAS in the last decade the state has provided \$37,000,000 of state  
22 federal-aid highway apportionments to assist in meeting the obligations of  
23 the agreement; and

24 WHEREAS the estimated amount necessary to complete the entire project  
25 is in excess of \$200,000,000 U.S. dollars; and

26 WHEREAS the state prefers a system of federal administration with  
27 state concurrence, rather than state administration, of this construction  
28 project;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

1 the United States government and the Canadian government to honor their  
2 agreement and provide the additional funds necessary through direct federal  
3 appropriations to complete the remaining portions of the Shakwak project;  
4 and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress is respectfully requested to imme-  
6 diately appropriate up to \$59,000,000 to allow work on additional project  
7 segments to proceed; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses federal  
9 administration, with state concurrence, for the Shakwak project.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elmer MacKay,  
11 Minister of Public Works, Canada; the Honorable Sam Johnston, Speaker,  
12 Legislative Assembly, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honorable George Bush,  
13 President of the United States, the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of  
14 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate, the Honorable Thomas S.  
15 Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Samuel  
16 K. Skinner, Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation; Thomas D.  
17 Larson, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of  
18 Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
19 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
20 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.