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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting the Congress to remove the

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Highway Trust Fund and the Airport and

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Airway Trust Fund from the Unified

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Federal Budget.

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10 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature believes it is inappropriate that the
11 dedicated trust funds for highways and airports are subject to the Unified
12 Federal Budget process; and

13 WHEREAS the highway and airport trust funds are funded by user fees
14 collected in advance of expenditure and are dedicated to highway and air-
15 port improvement programs; and

16 WHEREAS, at the national level, the Highway Trust Fund can support an
17 annual spending level of over \$15,000,000,000 and the Airport and Airway
18 Trust Fund can support an annual spending level of \$5,000,000,000; and

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20 priations from the Highway Trust Fund to less than \$13,000,000,000 a year
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22 \$3,500,000,000 a year; and

23 WHEREAS the inclusion of appropriations from the highway and airport
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25 \$20,000,000 each year in highway funds and \$6,000,000 each year in airport
26 funds to which the state is entitled; and

27 WHEREAS reductions in highway and airport transportation trust fund
28 appropriations hamper Alaska's, as well as the other states', ability to
29 address identified, critical transportation needs; and

1 WHEREAS the money in the highway and airport trust funds cannot be
2 transferred to other programs included in the Unified Federal Budget; and

3 WHEREAS limitations on highway and airport trust fund expenditures
4 reduce only the total federal budget but do not result in a real reduction
5 in the federal deficit;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
7 the Congress to remove the Highway Trust Fund and the Airport and Airway
8 Trust Fund from the Unified Federal Budget.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
10 Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Bush,
11 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
12 Honorable James H. Burnley IV, Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable
13 Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the
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