

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 56

TO THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the Thirteenth regular session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, Resurrection Creek, tributary to Turnagain Arm at the village of Hope has been the scene of placer mining operations for about forty years; and

WHEREAS, said Resurrection Creek is still the scene of active placer mining operations, but said operations are getting further away from Hope from which place supplies and equipment must be transported; and

WHEREAS, there are now five concerns engaged in substantial placer mining operations on said Resurrection Creek; and

WHEREAS, no roads have ever been constructed along said Resurrection Creek except by the miners themselves and such roads are very poor and passable only with the greatest difficulty.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges the immediate construction and rehabilitation of a road from Hope leading to the mining operations on Resurrection Creek a distance of five miles.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 26, 1937.

Passed by the Senate, March 4, 1937.

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 57

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS AND THE HONORABLE  
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the Thirteenth Regular Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, tin is an essential valuable metal that the United States must obtain by importation; and

WHEREAS, the value of the tin consumed in the United States in the year 1934 was \$45,000,000.00 while the total value of primary tin produced in American territory was less than \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Alaska produces practically all of the tin mined in American territory and produced 98% of the total in 1934; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States through its Committee on Foreign Affairs carried on hearings to determine possible methods of protecting the United States against exorbitant prices of tin in time of peace and shortage of the metal in time of war; and

WHEREAS, it was brought out in such hearings, that among other things, Government aid should be extended to develop particular properties in American territory; and

WHEREAS, important deposits of tin are known to exist on the Seward Peninsula and in the Hot Springs district of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, great transportation difficulties confronting operations at either of the above named localities result in a great handicap to the successful mining and marketing of tin ore; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that Federal aid to tin mining in Alaska would off-set the freight differential and other obstacles confronting such operations; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States did at one time offer a bonus for the development of any legitimate tin mine within the territory of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully petitions and urges such Federal aid to the tin mining industry in Alaska as will encourage its development and insure to the United States a possible source of tin in the time of need.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 27, 1937.

Passed by the Senate, March 4, 1937.