

to the boundary and further construction, a direct connection is provided with the highway just east of Kluane Lake, and

WHEREAS, the capital of the Territory of Alaska, Juneau, is at present not connected with the international highway system, and

WHEREAS, Juneau, in addition to its importance as the capital has recently received increasing importance as a port and is the site of other installations of importance which cannot be detailed for military reasons, and

WHEREAS, a highway now extends 29 miles north of Juneau to Eagle River and an extension of that highway for another 12 miles would bring it to Echo Cove on Berner's Bay and within easy ferrying distance of Haines and the international highway, and

WHEREAS, there are in Juneau records of great value to the entire Territory as well as scientific and historic museum relics which are irreplaceable and whose loss or damage would be a loss to the entire world, and

WHEREAS, for the above reasons it is highly desirable that Juneau be connected with the international highway.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully asks that a complete survey of route and cost of extending the present road from its end at Eagle River to Echo Cove with the construction of a dock there suitable for the maintenance of a ferry from Haines, be undertaken and that figures be made available to the Territorial Road Commissioner and to the Public Roads Administration.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 22, 1943.

Passed by the Senate, March 23, 1943.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTER-

IOR AND TO THE HONORABLE A. J. DIMOND, DELEGATE
TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

We, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent that within the past few months vast areas of the public domain in Alaska have been withdrawn and set aside in reservations, and the sale, location, selection and entry thereof under the public land laws, mining laws and leasing laws prohibited, including the area withdrawn pursuant to Public Land Order No. 12, authorized by Executive Order No. 9146, as follows:

Area consisting of 8,320,000 acres known as the Tanana River Area and Copper River-Mentasta-Tok River Area, which has been set aside as a right-of-way forty miles in width for the Canadian-Alaska military highway and the branch highway to Gulkana; and the areas described in Public Land Order No. 82 consisting of the area described as the Northern Alaska Area, containing 48,800,000 acres, the area known and described in the Order as the Alaska Peninsula Area, containing 15,600,000 acres, and the area known and described in the Order as the Katalla-Yakataga Area, containing 3,040,000 acres; and,

WHEREAS, the area mentioned in Public Land Order No. 12 is set aside as a right-of-way for a highway, although it is greatly in excess of any other known right-of-way ever set aside in any place as a right-of-way for a highway, and it has been rumored that the area will be used for colonization purposes or other purposes in the future; and

WHEREAS, the area set aside in Public Land Order No. 82, aggregating 67,440,000 acres, has been set aside on the ground that it is needed in the prosecution of the war; and,

WHEREAS, the government already has the power to take over, set aside, condemn, use and occupy any and all parts of Alaska, both within and without the public domain, needed in the prosecution of the war, and the withdrawal of vast areas of public domain in the Territory into permanent reservations does not seem to be necessary in the prosecution of the war, but will be a tremendous handicap and detriment in the present and future development of the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, some of the areas set aside are known to contain mineral wealth and other portions of the area undoubtedly are of great potential mineral value and will undoubtedly yield strategic and necessary minerals if prospecting and development are permitted as it has been in the past on the public domain and in the Forest Reserves;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that steps be taken immediately to permit prospecting, settlement and development in the areas described in this Memorial and set aside by the Public Land Orders pursuant to Executive authority; that the same be open to prospecting and settlement under such restrictions only as are necessary in the prosecution of the war; that the whole area set aside, except so much as is needed for right-of-way for the Canadian-Alaska Highway and so much as may be needed for location and operation of airfields, roads and other necessary purposes in connection with the prosecution of the war, be restored to entry as soon as possible, and that no further areas in the Territory be set aside or reserved for any purpose except in connection with the prosecution of the war or except for some public and necessary purposes, and that the area so set aside be restricted to the purposes for which they are required and to the area necessary for that purposes.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 25, 1943.

Passed by the Senate, March 25, 1943.