

Atomic Energy Commission; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska

and Commissioner Phil R. Holdsworth, State Coordinator of Atomic Development Activities.

Passed by the Senate February 4, 1960.
Passed by the House February 15, 1960.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Relating to the late Victor C. Rivers.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, during the interval between legislative sessions death has taken from the service of the state a distinguished public servant, the Honorable Victor C. Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rivers served as the President of the Senate during the last session of the Territorial Legislature; and

WHEREAS, he had earned the respect of all Alaskans for his service in the public interest as an able legislator, delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and energetic member of the Alaska Statehood Committee in the long and successful fight for sound government and statehood; and

WHEREAS, his integrity and record of accomplishment will always be a goal for those who aspire to the finest traditions of unselfish public service; and

WHEREAS, his devoted service to Alaska both as a Territory and a State has left and will continue to leave its mark on the progress and accomplishments of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that this resolution serve as a token of the esteem and high regard of the members of the Legislature for the late Senator Victor C. Rivers, and be transmitted to Mrs. Victor C. Rivers as an expression of their sincerest condolences and best wishes.

Passed by the Senate February 3, 1960.
Passed by the House February 5, 1960.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Relating to the construction of International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, it is manifest that the extension and development of transportation lines and facilities are essential to the national interest in the development and defense of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, both federal and state authorities have long been aware of the need and desirability of extending International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome as part of this development and defense plan; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Fairbanks-Nome highway would benefit both

the nation and the state by making possible the economic development of the oil and tin deposits in the Kateel and Lost River areas and other known mineral resources of the region; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the highway to Nome will end the surface isolation of the vital air defense and communication defense installations at Galena and the numerous White Alice sites along or adjoining the proposed Fairbanks-Nome route;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the appropriate agencies of the federal government be urged to plan and construct the extension of International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome with all deliberate speed; and be it