

the coast by a circuitous sea route during a short time each year; and

WHEREAS, this area has many inhabitants, numerous defense installations, and rich natural resources, including minerals, petroleum and natural gas; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the lack of transportation routes on land, the people of Alaska and the country are denied access to this area, hampering defense, prohibiting the use of the natural resources, and severely limiting travel in the area; and

WHEREAS, the present military and civilian surface supply route to vital areas in our defense perimeter is hazardous and subject to disastrous interruption; and

WHEREAS, the Pan American Highway now permits road travel from Central America to Fairbanks, and will soon be extended south to Cape Horn; and

WHEREAS, Point Barrow, the northernmost city in the United States, at the top of the world, would, if accessible to the Pan American Highway, be a strong attraction to tourists from within and without the state; and

WHEREAS, a highway from Fairbanks to Point Barrow would solve or alleviate all of these problems, and provide an ideal origin for a secondary highway system throughout northern and western Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the appropriate agencies of the state and federal government be urged to plan and construct a highway from Fairbanks to Point Barrow; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Rex. M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator; William J. Niemi, Regional Engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads; the members of the Alaska District Rail and Highway Commission; Major General Frank S. Besson, Jr., Chief of Transportation, U. S. Army; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 13, 1961.

Passed by the Senate March 27, 1961.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Relating to the establishment of Lake George area as a national park.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, tourism is one of the major industries of Alaska, and the number of visitors attracted to Alaska is increasing every year; and

WHEREAS, it is important to set aside and preserve areas that are especially scenic and wondrous for the pleasure of all the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Lake George area near Anchorage is one of the most scenic and easily accessible areas in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Lake George is veritably one of the wonders of Alaska and the world, and one of the earth's unique complexes of natural phenomena; and

WHEREAS, the people of Anchorage have expressed the desire to give their full cooperation in the development of the Lake George area;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Department of the Interior be requested to establish in the Lake George area a national park; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior, the Chairmen of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 10, 1961.

Passed by the Senate March 27, 1961.