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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 113

Relating to the upgrading of road facilities in Mt. McKinley National Park.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the United States Park Service has announced that a plan to restrict private automobile traffic from most of Mt. McKinley National Park is under serious study; and

WHEREAS such a ban would effectively prevent Alaskans and tourists alike from exploring the park at their leisure; and

WHEREAS among the reasons given for the contemplated closure is that the road into the park is unimproved and with an expected greater influx of visitors beginning this season, safety hazards would be prevalent; and

WHEREAS the people of this state and its many visitors should not be penalized because of the federal government's failure to maintain and upgrade road facilities in the park; and

WHEREAS the existing road facility does badly need maintenance and continual care from this time on in order to accommodate visitors to the park;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it respectfully requests the United States Department of the Interior to immediately allocate the necessary funds to the United States Park Service for the upgrading and maintaining of the existing road, with provision for an adjoining bicycle trail, into Mt. McKinley National Park.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

Rogers C.B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.