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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 118

Relating to the paving of a portion of the Alaska Highway.

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

WHEREAS President Nixon has recently announced the cancellation of plans to go forward with the paving of the Alaska Highway; and

WHEREAS the reconstruction and paving of the Alaska Highway is crucially important to Alaska's continued development and progress; and

WHEREAS the paving of the highway would reduce the dependence of the North on seasonal transportation for bulk shipments, thus reducing the cost of living in Alaska's northern communities; and

WHEREAS the paving of the highway would greatly stimulate tourist traffic to Alaska and would also accelerate the construction of secondary and local roads to provide a long needed primary road network in Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President is urgently requested to reconsider his cancellation of plans for paving the Alaska Highway and that he direct the Department of Transportation to carry forward immediately with the review and analysis necessary to the implementation of the reconstruction and paving of the Alaska Highway; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial top-priority segment of the project be the paving of the 205-mile strip of highway between Haines Junction, Yukon Territory and the Alaska border which would establish, in conjunction with the Alaska Marine Highway

System, good, dependable access to Alaska from all other areas of our nation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary, Department of Transportation; 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.