



# Alaska State Legislature

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Supporting reconstruction and maintenance of the Chitina-McCarthy Highway.

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

WHEREAS the completion of the Copper River and Northwest Railway in the early 1900's provided land transportation between Prince William Sound and interior Alaska; and

WHEREAS, since the closure of the Copper River and Northwest Railway in 1939, this area has had to rely on personal land transportation over the old railway roadbed between Chitina and McCarthy; and

WHEREAS the people of Alaska have the right to safe, efficient traffic ways on which to carry out the commerce, social, and economic needs of the state; and

WHEREAS the Department of Highways has maintained the pioneer road between Chitina and McCarthy and the road between McCarthy and May Creek for approximately the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS the United States of America desires to develop mineral resources within the country to lessen dependence on foreign mineral sources and the state and particularly the areas that could be served by a road between Chitina and May Creek are rich in mineral resources; and

WHEREAS one of the major restraints to development of these mineral resources is lack of an adequate land transportation system; and

WHEREAS access into the May Creek area is dependent upon

crossing Nizina River and the present bridge is in need of major repairs;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that because of the vital importance of the Chitina-McCarthy to May Creek Road to the economic and social well-being of the state, the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to repair the road, and particularly the Nizina River Bridge; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the Department of Highways for their activities in maintaining and upgrading the existing road from Chitina to McCarthy this past construction season; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to continue maintenance on the Chitina-McCarthy Road and to repair the bridge across the Nizina River sufficiently to handle the anticipated traffic along this road; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Highways be requested to provide maintenance from the Nizina River into May Creek.