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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

Relating to the construction of a highway between Wrangell and Canada.

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

WHEREAS a highway connection between Southeast Alaska and the Stewart-Cassiar Highway in Canada would be of tremendous commercial and cultural importance to both Alaska and Canada; and

WHEREAS such a highway link between the Alaska panhandle area and Canada would afford an alternate and more economic means for international travel as well as travel between Southeast Alaska and the continental United States; and

WHEREAS one possible route exists between Wrangell, via Berg Bay and Aaron Creek to Canada, a distance of only 47 miles; and

WHEREAS Wrangell has an established deepwater international seaport capable of servicing traffic to or from Canada; and

WHEREAS this proposed route would afford maximum access to all of Southeast Alaska due to its central location on the panhandle; and

WHEREAS it appears that a highway could be reasonably constructed to the Canadian border using existing roads, abandoned logging roads, and a natural corridor along Aaron Creek to the Iskut Valley and then east to the Stewart-Cassiar Highway, a distance of 100 miles from Wrangell;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the

Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to study and survey the area from Berg Bay to the Canadian border via Aaron Creek to determine the feasibility of building a highway; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to immediately begin negotiations with the proper Canadian authorities with the objective of gaining their cooperation in constructing a highway from the Stewart-Cassiar Highway to link it with the proposed highway from Wrangell to the Canadian border.