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Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Alaska Highway and requesting the issuance of commemorative postal stamps by the United States Postal Service and the Canada Post Corporation.

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

WHEREAS 1992 will be the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Alaska Highway from northern British Columbia, through the Yukon Territory, and into Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Highway, also known as the Alcan Highway, helped to ensure that Alaska and the Northwest would remain free from foreign occupation in World War II; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Highway was considered an engineering miracle when its 1500 miles were built in nine months of 1942 through rough terrain and during extremely unfavorable weather conditions; and

WHEREAS the construction of the Alaska Highway was undertaken by the following units of the United States Army Corps of Engineers:

- (1) 18th and 35th Combat Engineer Regiments;
- (2) 340th and 341st General Services Regiments;
- (3) 93rd, 95th, and 97th Army Engineer Regiments;
- (4) 133rd, 134th, 140th, and 141st Quartermaster Truck Companies;
- (5) 428th Engineer Heavy Dump Truck Company;
- (6) 73rd and 74th Light Pontoon Companies;
- (7) 29th and 648th Engineer Topographic Battalions;

and

WHEREAS, since the end of World War II, the Alaska Highway has carried the lifeblood of the economies of Alaska, the Yukon Territory, and northern British Columbia along its route; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that the 50th anniversary of the construction of the highway be celebrated by the issuance of a commemorative stamp; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is also being requested to issue a commemorative stamp on this occasion;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Postal Service is requested to issue a commemorative stamp on the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Alaska Highway; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED the United States Postal Service is requested to coordinate with the Canada Post Corporation the simultaneous issuance of a Canadian stamp commemorating the completion of the Alaska Highway.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Preston R. Tisch, Postmaster General; to Mr. Belmont Faries, Chairman of the Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service; to the Honorable Don Landers, President, Canada Post Corporation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.