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Relating to reconstructing and paving parts of the Alaska Highway as authorized in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973.

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

WHEREAS the United States and Canada entered into an agreement to reconstruct and pave the Alaska Highway from the Alaska-Canada border to Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada, and the Haines Cutoff Highway from Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada to the Alaska-Canada border near Haines, Alaska, known as the Shakwak project, as authorized in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS the Congress has authorized \$59,000,000 for the project and has appropriated \$38,000,000 to the Federal Highway Administration for actual construction by Canada; and

WHEREAS the Congress has not appropriated additional direct funding for the project; and

WHEREAS in the last decade the state has provided \$37,000,000 of state federal-aid highway apportionments to assist in meeting the obligations of the agreement; and

WHEREAS the estimated amount necessary to complete the entire project is in excess of \$200,000,000 U.S. dollars; and

WHEREAS the state prefers a system of federal administration with state concurrence, rather than state administration, of this construction project;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States government and the Canadian government to honor their agreement and provide the additional funds necessary through direct federal appropriations to complete the remaining portions of the Shakwak project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress is respectfully requested to immediately appropriate up to \$59,000,000 to allow work on additional project segments to proceed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses federal administration, with state concurrence, for the Shakwak project.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Elmer MacKay, Minister of Public Works, Canada; the Honourable Audrey McLaughlin, Member of Parliament, House of Commons; the Honourable Tony Penikett, Government Leader, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honourable Maurice Byblow, Minister of Community and Transportation Services, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honourable Sam Johnston, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honourable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation; Thomas D. Larson, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation; 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.