

Introduced by: Schaefermeyer
and McCloud
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Vote: Unanimous
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 82-125

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PURCHASING AND INSTALLING THE CENTER SPAN OF THE OLD GASTINEAU CHANNEL BRIDGE ACROSS RESURRECTION RIVER FOR ACCESS TO EXIT GLACIER

WHEREAS, vehicle access to Exit Glacier would greatly enhance the development of that portion of the Kenai Fjords National Park; and

WHEREAS, access to Exit Glacier is barred to those Americans who are unable to hike four miles; and

WHEREAS, Exit Glacier is one of the few glaciers in North America that could be readily accessible to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the center span of the old Gastineau Channel Bridge has been offered to the National Park Service for a total estimated installed cost of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service estimates that the new bridge will cost in excess of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the probability of obtaining Federal funds to construct the new bridge in these times of high Federal deficits is unlikely; and

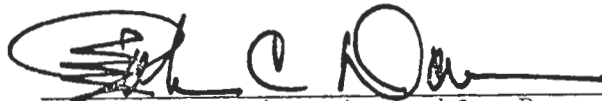
WHEREAS, the old Gastineau Channel Bridge could be installed at a savings of \$1.5 million and could be in place by the fall of 1983;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Assembly wholeheartedly supports the purchase and installation of the center span of the old Gastineau Channel Bridge across Resurrection River for full access to Exit Glacier, and respectfully requests the Alaska Congressional delegation to sponsor the necessary amendments to the Interior Department appropriations bill which would fund the cost of the purchase and installation.

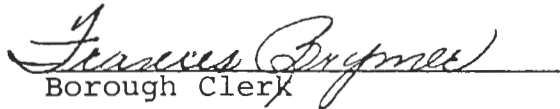
Section 2. That this resolution takes effect upon its adoption and shall be served upon the Honorable Ted Stevens, the Honorable Frank Murkowski, United States Senators, and the Honorable Donald E. Young, United States Representative.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ON THIS 15th DAY OF June, 1982.



John C. Davis, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk