

STATE OF ALASKA

KEITH H. MILLER, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

DISTRICT 2

328 ILLINOIS STREET — FAIRBANKS 99701

May 5, 1969

Mr. Oliver Backlund
c/o Department of Highways
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Oliver:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to have been asked to distribute the enclosed Senate document to you men who had so much to do with the successful completion of our effort to construct a winter haul road from Livengood to Sagwon on the North Slope. Recognition such as indicated by this Resolution from the Alaska State Legislature is rarely given. I, therefore, feel that you as an individual and the Highway Department as an organization have been honored by the passage of this document.

I, personally, and I am sure all of you who have been mentioned in this Resolution realize with certainty that although we as individuals were singled out by the Legislature and given recognition for this construction, we could never have succeeded without the wholehearted support of everyone in the Fairbanks District of the Department of Highways, and for that matter the Department of Highways as a whole.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the wholehearted support given us by those in the Headquarters' office and the other Highway Districts. Whenever we asked for assistance, either in men or equipment, that assistance was immediately offered without question, sometimes with the result that needed work in their own areas of responsibility was delayed.

The building of this road was a chance that comes to a man once in a lifetime. I enjoyed every minute of my participation in it - knowing at all times that I had working with me a crew of men whose knowledge of the job to be accomplished and whose enthusiasm for the project was unequalled anywhere in Alaska.

Please accept my thanks for a difficult job well done.

Sincerely,



Woodrow Johansen
District Highway Engineer