

**HOUSE BILL NO. 35**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLETT

Introduced: 1/9/15

Referred: Prefiled

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act establishing March 27 as Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day."**

2    **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3        \* **Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4               **Sec. 44.12.087. Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day.** Great Alaska  
5        Earthquake Remembrance Day is established on March 27 of each year to honor those  
6        who died throughout the state in earthquakes, tsunamis, and landslides after the most  
7        powerful recorded earthquake in North America, and also to honor those who died  
8        attempting to save others. The devastating consequences and efforts of recovery after  
9        the 1964 earthquake provided many lessons that should not be forgotten and should be  
10       used to develop a safer human environment in the state and to increase public  
11       awareness, which is the most cost-effective and critical aspect of preparation for the  
12       next earthquake. The governor shall issue a proclamation to commemorate Great  
13       Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day and shall direct that the Alaska flag be flown at  
14       half-mast on that day. The day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises  
15       by civic groups and the public.