CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4(STA) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Amended: 3/9/01 Offered: 2/28/01

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DYSON, James, Murkowski

SENATORS Leman, Davis, Ellis, Olson, Lincoln, Elton, Wilken, Ward, Cowdery

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring February 2002 to be African-American Citizen Recognition Month.

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

- WHEREAS the Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal,
- 4 that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that these rights include the right to
- 5 life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and
- 6 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature would like to recognize and show
- 7 appreciation to the state's citizens of African-American descent; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** there are approximately 27,617 persons of African-American descent in
- 9 the state; and
- 10 WHEREAS Alaska citizens of African-American descent have made important
- 11 contributions to the state by participating in the building of the Alaska-Canadian Highway,
- 12 the Alaska Railroad, the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, by serving in the government of the
- state and contributing to the state in all facets of the private sector; and
- 14 WHEREAS Alaska citizens of African-American descent have served with
- distinction in the Alaska National Guard and in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air
- 16 Force, Coast Guard, and Revenue Marine Service, and Alaska citizens of African-American

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- descent continue to participate in the military defense of the state;
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
- 3 governor to declare February 2002 to be African-American Citizen Recognition Month; and
- 4 be it
- 5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests and
- 6 encourages all public and private agencies and citizens of the state to observe African-
- 7 American Citizen Recognition Months with appropriate activities and to continue to promote
- 8 unity among all the races that have made Alaska the great state that it is.