

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Senator Cathy Giessel**  
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## **Sponsor Statement**

### **Senate Resolution 7**

#### **“Dedicating the Jan Faiks Conference Room”**

Senate Resolution 7 names the fourth floor Senate conference room after Jan Faiks in honor of her legacy in the legislature and her service to the State of Alaska.

Senator Faiks was a pioneer for women in politics who made her mark on Alaska state history. She was the first woman in the history of the United States to be elected as a presiding officer of a state legislative body.

Senator Faiks was among a key group of legislators who helped create the constitutional budget reserve fund. She is credited with bringing polish to the legislature by instituting a dress code and promoting other rules of decorum.

I respectfully request your support of Senate Resolution 7 to honor the life and dedicated service of Senator Jan Faiks.