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SCR 20: Decoration of Honor Sponsor Statement

This resolution awards the Alaska Decoration of Honor to twenty-five individuals who were killed in the line of duty while honorably serving our state and country in 2011.

The Alaska Decoration of Honor was established in 2007 to award military service members from Alaska, or those service members deployed while stationed in Alaska, who were killed in action or in support of combat action.

The Legislature must authorize the award by resolution so the decoration can be presented to the recipients' survivors. In 2008, the Legislature awarded the medal to 171 individuals dating back to statehood. From 2009 – 2010 we authorized the award for another thirty-six individuals.

Passage of SCR 20 will allow the families of these twenty-five individuals to receive the decoration in honor of their loved ones' sacrifice. While it is always our hope that all those in uniform will return home safely, the reality is a few will not and it is important we recognize and honor their service.