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Sponsor Statement - House Joint Resolution 23

"Proclaiming March 27, 2014, as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day"

Fifty years ago, Alaskans from all walks of life came together to perform search and rescue operations, provide medical care, shelter, security, food and water to thousands of people in the aftermath of the largest earthquake to ever strike North America.

The March 27th Good Friday Earthquake brought mass destruction to the entire Southcentral region but it also brought out the strength, determination and compassion of Alaskans. The list of Alaskans who demonstrated that courage includes, but is not limited to, first responders, military and National Guard personnel, health care providers, state and municipal workers and many others.

House Joint Resolution 23 pays tribute to the thousands of Alaskan men and women who put the needs of others before themselves when it counted most. The resolution respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature to proclaim March 27, 2014 as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day.

I respectfully ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Prepared by Jeff Turner on January 22, 2014