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The Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 101, sponsored by Senator Donny Olson. This bill will help establish Ashley-Johnson Barr Day on the twelfth of March in Alaska.

I support the bill because the story of Ashley Johnson- Barr affected people all over Alaska. It was a miracle watching each village and city hold their prayer vigils and marches in honor of Ashley Johnson-Barr. There was one held in Chugiak soon after she was found which I attended, having driven up from Kenai, Alaska. It turned out my friend and I were the elders there and they had us walk in front of the group and treated us with so much respect. The tv news men were there capturing it all. It was a very sad moment but it was nice for people to gather and pay our respects. I saw my nephew and his family and his young children there and other friends from back home.

I have a granddaughter about the same age and it made Ashley's loss seem so tragic and heartfelt. I'm sure Ashley became everyone's special little angel at every march and vigil held throughout the state. I am attaching a photo of an "angel" cloud seen in my hometown of Kotzebue, Alaska as they held their prayer vigil. The photo was taken by Shylia Johnson. Ashley's short little life touched us all and she should be remembered each year as the innocent face of the many missing and murdered Alaska natives. Thank you for your consideration.

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