

## \* CARL E. MOSES \*

It is with great sorrow that the members of the Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature join the family and friends of Carl E. Moses to honor the memory of a true gentleman and his lifetime of remarkable achievements.

Carl was born July 16, 1929, in Santa Cruz, California, and was raised from the age of two on Sanak Island in the Shumagin group of the Aleutians. Carl's determination to pursue his entrepreneurial skills began at a young age. He was fishing at the age of 11 and went on to own 18 fishing vessels throughout his lifetime. He finished school at the age of 12 and enlisted in the Territorial Guard at the age of 13. Military officials came to his village one day, gave all the men armloads of clothing, rifles, and ammunition, and sent them out on reconnaissance, looking for Japanese patrols. Carl once said he was never sure if he was ever released from his duty, because serving in the military during the 1940s was very casual. He was drafted into the Korean War in 1951. He spent his tour in Ft. Richardson as an artilleryman and received an honorable discharge as corporal in 1953.

By the age of 18, Carl had his first store. He started by building a wheel barrel, tearing down a building in eight foot sections, transporting it, and rebuilding it in Sanak. He continued his general merchandise businesses in King Cove, Unalaska and Sand Point. Until 2006, Carl owned the Unalaska operations of the historic Northern Commercial Company, the longest continuously-run business in state history.

Carl established himself as a capable public servant early in his career. At 34, he won a seat on the King Cove City Council, served on the state Board of Fish and the board of the Alaska Rural Housing Authority. Always attentive to his cultural roots, Carl was selected as the first president of the Aleut Corporation in 1975.

In 1964, Carl began his political career as a state representative. He represented the Aleutians region for a total of 11 terms; first from 1965 to 1972 and then again from 1992 to 2007. Ever the independent one, Carl Moses is the only person in state history who has been elected to statewide office from three different political parties - Democratic, Alaskan Independence, and Republican. He chaired the House Resource Committee from 1969-1970 and the Rules Committee from 1993-1994.

A self-educated man, Carl Moses was well known for his superior strategizing skills, his negotiating abilities, and his love of deal making. His quiet, gentlemanly style, sense of duty, commitment, and humanity were applauded by all who have worked with him.

The Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature extend our hands and hearts in thanks for Carl's tireless service to the State of Alaska. Our deepest condolences are extended to his loving wife, Laresa, his children, Lewis, Arline and son-in-law Johannes, his step-sons Patrick, Ti, PJ and Mepp Dushkin and to his 12 grandchildren.

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