

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Relating to the untimely death of former Representative Ken C. Johnson.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, First Alaska Legislature, in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, our esteemed colleague and former member of this House, Representative Ken C. Johnson of Anchorage, departed this earth since the adjournment of the last Territorial Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Representative Johnson served this House and Alaska with marked distinction and ability both as a legislator and an alert citizen; and

WHEREAS, the special ability and diligence of our former colleague in matters of public finance served Alaska well as

a Territory and will now be denied the State due to his untimely departure from our midst;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the First State Legislature in First Session assembled, that by this resolution, Mrs. Muriel Johnson and her daughter, Louise, and the people of the State, be assured of the continuing high esteem and regard in which the name of Ken C. Johnson is held in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be suitably engrossed and transmitted to Mrs. Muriel Johnson by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the best wishes of her husband's friends and colleagues.

Passed by the House February 4, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Taku Post 5559 and the Dept. of Alaska did on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1959 present to the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska the flag of the United States of America and the flag of the sovereign State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Said emblems of national and state unity were presented to said House to remind the members thereof at all times of our heritage of freedom and the lives which have been sacrificed to preserve the same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLV-

ED, by the House of Representatives of the sovereign State of Alaska that this House expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Taku Post 5559 and the Department of Alaska, Veterans of Foreign Wars for the colors presented on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1959; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this House be ever mindful of its duty to God and country and the sovereign State of Alaska as it embarks upon the creation of democratic institutions of government, pursuant to The Constitutions of the United States of America and The Sovereign State of Alaska.

Passed by the House January 31, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Relating to the Federal excise tax on gasoline.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, First Alaska Legislature, in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, since the state gasoline tax has been historically and rightfully

a state tax; and

WHEREAS, the gasoline tax has traditionally provided the major portion of the funds needed by the states to construct and maintain their highway systems; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, the Federal government also imposed an excise tax on gasoline, as a temporary, emergency,

revenue-producing measure; and

WHEREAS, the expressed, and reaffirmed, intent of Congress to vacate this tax field has not been carried out; and

WHEREAS, instead, the original Federal excise tax on gasoline has been continued and increased by 200 per cent; and

WHEREAS, the mounting Federal tax on this product threatens to preempt this legitimate tax source belonging by priority and equity to the states; and

WHEREAS, further increase in the Federal gasoline tax rate would lead to serious restriction upon the ability of the states to secure funds for needed highway improvements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the First Alaska Legislature in First

Session assembled does respectfully record its opposition to any further increase in the present Federal excise tax on gasoline; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the office of the President of the United States; to the members of the United States House of Representatives; to the members of the United States Senate; to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives; to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senators from the State of Alaska; and to the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States Representative from the State of Alaska.

Passed by the House February 17, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to the construction of DC4 type landing facility on the Lower Yukon.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the area known as the Lower Yukon is served only by small air carriers on limited schedules, which leads to high freight rates, prohibitive personal transportation costs for those interested in seasonal employment elsewhere, poor mail service, frequent interruption of service due to weather conditions, and difficulties in getting emergency patients immediately to the hospital at Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the population of this area is growing rapidly, now approximating about 5,000 persons and the growth of the economy and productive utilization of this population group is slowed by such air service; and

WHEREAS, a DC4 type landing facility

in the area would eliminate such problems growing out of poor aid service and would be of benefit to the entire area; and

WHEREAS, the villages of Marshall, Fortuna Ledge, St. Mary's, Mountain Village, Alakanuk and Kwiguk or Emonak have laid aside any selfish desire to individually acquire such facilities and have joined in agreement that the best site would be half-way between St. Mary's and Mountain Village;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska that the Director of Aviation of the State of Alaska or the head of the Department succeeding to the functions of the Department of Aviation be directed to take all appropriate steps to construct a DC4 landing facility between the villages of St. Mary's and Mountain Village on the Lower Yukon at the earliest opportunity.

Passed by the House February 13, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to Alaskan participation in the World's Fair.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the