

destination outside the state is not subject to taxation in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS the Nevada "free port" law has been of immense economic benefit to that state and has the endorsement of business and labor as a vital factor in that state's growing economy; and

WHEREAS the subject of a "free port" law for Alaska has been under study by the Institute of Research in Business, Economics and Government at the University of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska is requested to direct the Institute of Research in Business, Economics and Government to complete its study of the merits, feasibility, and administrative and legislative action required to inaugurate a "free port" system for Alaska and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature at the earliest possible time.

Passed by the House March 19, 1964.

Passed by the Senate March 23, 1964.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Honoring the memory of Technical Sergeant Kenneth W. Ayers, late Flight Mechanic of the Alaska Air National Guard.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS, while the Legislature was in recess, Technical Sergeant Kenneth W. Ayers was killed in the performance of his duty aboard an aircraft participating in the recovery and reconstruction effort following the earthquake of March 27, when the aircraft crashed in the sea; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Ayers was a diligent and skillful flight mechanic who engendered a strong liking and respect in those Guardsmen who had an opportunity to know and work with him since he joined the Air National Guard only a little over a year before his death; and

WHEREAS he had served his country well for many years on active duty with the Air Force, earning a Good Conduct

Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award with an Oak Leaf Cluster, and had thereafter brought his knowledge and abilities to the service of the state; and

WHEREAS it is upon men of the high caliber and dedication of Sergeant Ayers that Alaska chiefly relies in maintaining the excellence of its National Guard; and

WHEREAS, not only the National Guard, but all the people of the state, will long regret the tragic accident in which Sergeant Ayers died, and remember that it was in their service that he did so;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature extends its expression of its great esteem for the late Technical Sergeant Kenneth W. Ayers, its deep sorrow at his passing, and its sincerest condolences to his brother, his wife Nattie Joe Ayers, and his three children.

Passed by the House May 28, 1964.

Passed by the Senate May 28, 1964.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Honoring the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Norris, late Operations Staff Officer of the Alaska Air National Guard.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS, during the legislative recess, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Nor-

ris, Operations Staff Officer of the Alaska Air National Guard, lost his life in an aircraft accident while engaged in duties pertaining to the reconstruction of the state after the earthquake disaster; and

WHEREAS Colonel Norris was a distinguished officer admired and respected by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS Colonel Norris flew with great distinction during the Second World War, earning by his skill and valor the Distinguished Flying Cross with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the European, African, and Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, the Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm; and

WHEREAS he served his state and country with ability and diligence as Operations Staff Officer of the Alaska Air National Guard from 1958 until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS the ability and dedication

of Colonel Norris directly contributed to the success of the Alaska National Guard in fulfilling its mission of service to Alaska and the United States; and

WHEREAS the death of Colonel Norris, in the execution of his duties, is a grievous loss to the people of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby expresses its highest regard for the late Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Norris and deep sorrow at his untimely death, and extends to his mother, brothers and sisters, his wife, Dorothy Jean Norris, and their three children its sincerest condolences on their loss which they share with the people of Alaska.

Passed by the House May 28, 1964.

Passed by the Senate May 28, 1964.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Honoring the memory of Major James A. Rowe, late member of the Alaska Air National Guard.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS, during the legislative recess, Major James A. Rowe, transport pilot of the Alaska Air National Guard, lost his life in a tragic aircraft accident while engaged in duties pertaining to the reconstruction of the state after the earthquake disaster; and

WHEREAS Major Rowe was a citizen-soldier whose fidelity and competence had been repeatedly demonstrated to all his associates; and

WHEREAS such was the quality and scope of Major Rowe's service to his country in various assignments and capacities that he acquired a most enviable record, receiving the Asiatic, Pacific, Middle European and African Campaign Medals, the American Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Na-

tions Service Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Reserve Medal, and the American Theatre Medal; and

WHEREAS Major Rowe was serving the people of Alaska and the United States faithfully and ably as transport pilot at the time of the fatal accident, contributing in significant measure to the effort to bring assistance and relief to earthquake-stricken areas of the state; and

WHEREAS every citizen of Alaska has cause to mourn the loss of Major Rowe;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby expresses its highest regard and esteem for the late Major James A. Rowe, transport pilot of the Alaska Air National Guard, and its sorrow at his most unfortunate death, and extends to his father and mother, his wife, Roberta L. Rowe, and his four children its sincerest condolences on their irredeemable loss.

Passed by the House May 28, 1964.

Passed by the Senate, May 28, 1964.