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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Honoring Mary E. Rowley.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS Mary E. Rowley, affectionately known as the "Sourdough Lady", has recently retired after 20 years as a nurse in Alaska, 17 of which were with the Territorial Department of Health and later the state Department of Health and Welfare; and

WHEREAS she came to a young Alaska where her missions were varied and numerous in providing public health services to the bush areas of the state; and

WHEREAS she will be remembered by her many friends throughout the state for her courage, her medical skills, and her devotion to the people she served and cared for for so many years; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska owes an incalculable debt of gratitude to Mary E. Rowley for her contributions to the progress of public health services throughout the state and especially for her work in combating tuberculosis and the infant death rate in the bush areas;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that this Resolution serve as an expression of gratitude and as a commendation to Mary E. Rowley for her pioneering work in public health nursing in this state on behalf of the people of Alaska.

A COPY of this Resolution shall be sent to Mary E. Rowley.