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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Commending Senator Ernest Gruening.

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

WHEREAS Senator Ernest Gruening served as the Governor of the Territory of Alaska for over 13 years and during that time spearheaded the enactment of a basic tax structure which established the sound economic base necessary for the survival of the territory; and

WHEREAS he has always fought for the rights of native Alaskans and, as Governor, established the first state measure protecting natives from discrimination; and

WHEREAS he greatly increased the participation of the people in the villages and the bush areas in the processes of democratic government; and

WHEREAS he was highly instrumental in obtaining statehood for Alaska; and

WHEREAS he established National Guard units all along the Bering Sea coast, thus benefiting the villages and the nation; and

WHEREAS, as a United States Senator, he initiated and brought into operation many public projects necessary to Alaska's economic development; and

WHEREAS, through his courage in the advocacy of just but unpopular causes, his intelligence, dignity, and scholarship, and his deep concern for human beings, he has demonstrated the

qualities of a great statesman;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature commend Ernest Gruening for the great benefits he has brought to the State of Alaska and to the nation by his constant dedication to and struggle for enlightened government.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Senator Ernest Gruening.