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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Honoring the late Frank A. Metcalf.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS an era of Alaskan politics ended on April 2, when Frank A. Metcalf, an Alaskan since 1913, died at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS Frank A. Metcalf was a man of great wit and many talents, being well remembered throughout the state as a mining engineer, Juneau city engineer, United States mineral surveyor, Territorial highway engineer, Superintendent of Public Works, Chief of the Alaska Highway Patrol, and Commissioner of State Police; and

WHEREAS even with his varied and important duties connected with his numerous appointed and elected positions, Frank A. Metcalf still found time to devote to the many civic and service organizations of which he was a member, including the American Legion, the Elks, the Pioneers of Alaska, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Juneau Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, always with an insatiable interest in Alaska and Alaskan Frank A. Metcalf visited every town and hamlet in the state by foot, dogsled, bush plane, auto and boat, was feted by people from the most down-and-out homesteader to the governor, and he brushed out trails for prospectors, surveyed roads for the automobile and laid out landing fields for the airplane; in short, he lived a full and exciting life; and

WHEREAS as long as there are people of the caliber of Frank A. Metcalf in the world, there will be true pioneers;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution serve as an expression of sorrow at the passing of Frank A. Metcalf and as a tribute in his honor.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to his daughter,
Mrs. Mary Metcalf Turley and to her children.