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Dedicating Senate Committee Rooms in honor of Senator William Beltz and Senator John Butrovich.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS Senator William Beltz and Senator John Butrovich established in their service to the state a standard for strong leadership and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS the standard established by these men serves as a reminder and a goal for all of Alaska's public servants in striving to achieve the best Alaska for Alaskans; and

WHEREAS the exemplary accomplishments of Senators Beltz and Butrovich remain keenly felt and fondly remembered in the Senate and by the members of the Senate;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate hereby formally dedicates a committee room in honor of Senator William Beltz and a committee room in honor of Senator John Butrovich; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be installed in the William Beltz Committee Room bearing the following inscription:

THE WILLIAM BELTZ COMMITTEE ROOM

The William Beltz Committee Room memorializes the dedication of William Beltz in serving the Territory and State of Alaska. William Beltz was born in Bear Creek, Alaska, in 1912. He served in the territorial House of Representatives from 1949 to 1950, in the territorial Senate from 1951 to 1958, and in the state Senate from 1959 to 1960, where he served as the first President of the state Senate. He was a carpenter and, in 1955, was elected President of the Alaska Council

of Carpenters. A Native Alaskan, he felt a need for formal educational institutions in rural areas of Alaska. In recognition of his efforts to promote education in the state, a regional high school in Nome, the first of its kind in northern Alaska, was named the William E. Beltz High School.

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be installed in the John Butrovich Committee Room bearing the following inscription:

THE JOHN BUTROVICH COMMITTEE ROOM

The John Butrovich Committee Room memorializes the dedication of John Butrovich in serving the Territory and State of Alaska. A member of a pioneer Alaskan family, he was born in Fairbanks in 1910. He served in the territorial Senate from 1945 to 1958 and in the state Senate from 1963 to 1978. During his career in the Senate, he served on every committee in the Senate and, from 1967 to 1968 he served as President of the Senate. His colleagues in the House made him an honorary life member of the Alaska State House of Representatives in 1978. His Senate colleagues have bestowed upon him the title, "Dean of the Alaska Senate". An active advocate of statehood, he presented an appeal to President Eisenhower in 1956 for passage of a bill creating the State of Alaska. His 30 years of service to the territorial and state legislature ranked him fifth in the nation for longevity of state legislative service.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John Butrovich, former Alaska state senator, and to the family of the Honorable William Beltz, former Alaska state senator.