

STATE OF ALASKA

THE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve No.

LR 70



Appointing Joanne Townsend Poet Laureate of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS literary expression in the form of poetry is a pursuit that reaches and enriches human beings in all walks of life and circumstances; and

WHEREAS poets laureate have been recognized by the State of Alaska since 1963; and

WHEREAS Joanne Townsend has been unanimously recommended by all past living poets laureate, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and the Literature Panel of the Alaska State Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS Joanne Townsend's teaching of poetry and creative writing in Alaska's schools has helped others to achieve a greater appreciation of poetry; and

WHEREAS Joanne Townsend is respected by her colleagues for the quality of her writing and for her dedication to poetry as a vital force in the state; and

WHEREAS Joanne Townsend's published writings include "Balancing Act" (Harpoon Press); and

WHEREAS Joanne Townsend's poems have appeared in many periodical publications since 1975;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Joanne Townsend is appointed Poet Laureate of Alaska.