

HOUSE BILL NO. 476

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced: 2/7/96

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing YUKLA 27 Remembrance Day."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

4 Sec. 44.12.090. YUKLA 27 REMEMBRANCE DAY. (a) YUKLA 27
5 Remembrance Day is established on September 22 each year to honor the memory of
6 the airmen who perished in the crash of an Advanced Warning and Control System
7 (AWACS) plane shortly after taking off from Elmendorf Air Force Base on
8 September 22, 1995. YUKLA 27, the call sign of this tragic flight, contained a crew
9 of 24, none of whom survived.

10 (b) The crew members of YUKLA 27 were First Lieutenant Carlos A. Arriaga,
11 Weapons Director; Technical Sergeant Mark A. Bramer, Flight Engineer; Staff
12 Sergeant Scott A. Bresson, Airborne Radar Technician; Technical Sergeant Mark A.
13 Collins, Communications Systems Operator; Senior Airman Lawrence E. DeFrancesco,
14 Communications Systems Operator; Technical Sergeant Bart L. Holmes, Flight
15 Engineer; Lieutenant Colonel Richard G. Leary, Navigator; Master Corporal J.-P.

1 Legault, Communications Technician; Captain Robert J. Long, Senior Director; Master
2 Sergeant Stephen C. O'Connell, Advanced Air Surveillance Technician; Captain
3 Bradley W. Paakola, Pilot; Technical Sergeant Ernest R. Parrish, Area Specialist;
4 Sergeant David L. Pitcher, Battle Director Technician; Captain Glenn J. "Skip" Rogers,
5 Pilot; Airman Jeshua C. Smith, Airborne Surveillance Technician; Staff Sergeant
6 Raymond O. Spencer, Jr., Airborne Surveillance Technician; Major Richard Patrick
7 Stewart II, Mission Crew Commander; Technical Sergeant Charles D. Sweet, Jr.,
8 Airborne Radar Technician; Major Marlon R. Thomas, Mission Crew Commander;
9 Technical Sergeant Timothy B. Thomas, Computer Display Maintenance Technician;
10 Major Steven A. Tuttle, Airborne Surveillance Officer; Technical Sergeant Brian K.
11 Van Leer, Advanced Air Surveillance Technician; Airman Darien F. Watson, Airborne
12 Surveillance Technician; and Senior Airman Joshua N. Weter, Computer Display
13 Maintenance Technician.

14 (c) The governor shall issue a proclamation to commemorate YUKLA 27
15 Remembrance Day and shall direct that the Alaska flag be flown at half-mast on that
16 day. The day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups
17 and the public.