

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 476(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/19/96

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): 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 American and Canadian airmen who perished in the crash of an Advanced Warning
7 and Control System (AWACS) plane shortly after taking off from Elmendorf Air Force
8 Base on September 22, 1995. YUKLA 27, the call sign of this tragic flight, contained
9 a crew of 24, none of whom survived.

10 (b) The crew members of YUKLA 27 were Lieutenant Colonel Richard G.
11 Leary, U.S.A.F., Navigator; Major Richard Patrick Stewart II, U.S.A.F., Mission Crew
12 Commander; Major Marlon R. Thomas, U.S.A.F., Mission Crew Commander; Major
13 Steven A. Tuttle, U.S.A.F., Airborne Surveillance Officer; Captain Glenn J. "Skip"
14 Rogers, U.S.A.F., Pilot; Captain Robert J. Long, U.S.A.F., Senior Director; Captain
15 Bradley W. Paakola, U.S.A.F., Pilot; First Lieutenant Carlos A. Arriaga, U.S.A.F.,

1 Weapons Director; Master Sergeant Stephen C. O'Connell, U.S.A.F., Advanced Air
2 Surveillance Technician; Technical Sergeant Bart L. Holmes, U.S.A.F., Flight
3 Engineer; Technical Sergeant Ernest R. Parrish, U.S.A.F., Area Specialist; Sergeant
4 David L. Pitcher, C.A.F., Battle Director Technician; Technical Sergeant Charles D.
5 Sweet, Jr., U.S.A.F., Airborne Radar Technician; Technical Sergeant Brian K. Van
6 Leer, U.S.A.F., Advanced Air Surveillance Technician; Technical Sergeant Mark A.
7 Bramer, U.S.A.F., Flight Engineer; Technical Sergeant Timothy B. Thomas, U.S.A.F.,
8 Computer Display Maintenance Technician; Technical Sergeant Mark A. Collins,
9 U.S.A.F., Communications Systems Operator; Master Corporal J.-P. Legault, C.A.F.,
10 Communications Technician; Staff Sergeant Scott A. Bresson, U.S.A.F., Airborne
11 Radar Technician; Staff Sergeant Raymond O. Spencer, Jr., U.S.A.F., Airborne
12 Surveillance Technician; Senior Airman Joshua N. Weter, U.S.A.F., Computer Display
13 Maintenance Technician; Senior Airman Lawrence E. DeFrancesco, U.S.A.F.,
14 Communications Systems Operator; Airman Darien F. Watson, U.S.A.F., Airborne
15 Surveillance Technician; and Airman Jeshua C. Smith, U.S.A.F., Airborne
16 Surveillance Technician.

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