

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12
 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

1 **Commemorating Congressman Don Young's 30 years of service in the House of**
 2 **Representatives of the United States Congress.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** Congressman Don Young was born in Meridian, California, on June 9,
 5 1933, and, after serving in the United States Army 41st Tank Battalion, he moved to Alaska in
 6 1959; and

7 **WHEREAS** he made his home in Fort Yukon, where he met his wife, Lu, with whom
 8 he has two daughters and nine grandchildren, and which continues to be the Young's primary
 9 residence; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in Fort Yukon, he served on the city council, as mayor, and was elected
 11 to the State House of Representatives in 1966, and was later elected to the State Senate in
 12 1970, where he served until he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in a
 13 special election on March 5, 1973; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1973, his first year in the United States House of Representatives,
 15 Congressman Young successfully worked for legislation authorizing the Trans Alaska
 16 Pipeline, which led to the oil development in Prudhoe Bay; and

1 **WHEREAS** Congressman Young served as Chair of the Resources Committee of the
2 United States House of Representatives for six years, a committee that has jurisdiction over
3 federal lands, fisheries, wildlife, energy and minerals, forests, and Native American issues;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, as Alaska's lone vote in the United States House of Representatives, his
6 leadership on key issues has twice led to passage of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
7 development legislation through the United States House; and

8 **WHEREAS** he has worked to improve the Magnuson Fishery Act, Alaska resource
9 development, and funding for rural Alaska projects, and has been a vigilant protector of
10 Second Amendment Rights; and

11 **WHEREAS** Congressman Young is Alaska's only member in the 435-member United
12 States House of Representatives and is currently the fourth highest ranking Republican in total
13 seniority and the ninth highest ranking member of the United States House of Representatives
14 in total seniority; and

15 **WHEREAS** Congressman Young is currently serving in his 16th term in the United
16 States House of Representatives and is currently serving in his third year as Chair of the
17 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the United States House of Representatives,
18 poised to continue his strong record of accomplishment for all of Alaska;

19 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its sincere gratitude
20 to Congressman Don Young for his three decades of service to all the people of Alaska and to
21 his nation; and be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of the people of
23 Alaska, extends its best wishes to Congressman Don Young and his wife, Lu, as he continues
24 his service as "Congressman for all Alaska."