

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Dedicating a committee room in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building to**
2 **former Senator William Beltz.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

4 **WHEREAS**, during his years of service to the state, Senator William Beltz set a
5 standard for strong leadership and dedicated service; and

6 **WHEREAS** the standard established by Senator Beltz serves as a reminder and a goal
7 for the state's public servants in striving to achieve the best Alaska for Alaskans; and

8 **WHEREAS** the exemplary accomplishments of Senator Beltz remain keenly felt and
9 fondly remembered in the Senate and by the members of the Senate; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, the Senate dedicated a Senate committee room to Senator Beltz;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS** the William Beltz Committee Room in the Capitol has been converted to
13 other uses; and

14 **WHEREAS** a new Senate committee room has been constructed in the Thomas B.
15 Stewart Legislative Office Building;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate dedicates a new, larger, and more suitable

1 committee room in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building to Senator William
2 Beltz; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the plaque honoring Senator William Beltz that was
4 installed in the William Beltz Committee Room in the Capitol be relocated to the new
5 William Beltz Committee Room in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building, so
6 that the following inscription can continue in his memory:

7 **THE WILLIAM BELTZ COMMITTEE ROOM**

8 The William Beltz Committee Room memorializes the dedication of William
9 Beltz in serving the Territory and State of Alaska. William Beltz was born in
10 Bear Creek, Alaska, in 1912. He served in the territorial House of
11 Representatives from 1949 to 1950, in the territorial Senate from 1951 to 1958,
12 and in the state Senate from 1959 to 1960, where he served as the first
13 President of the state Senate. He was a carpenter and, in 1955, was elected
14 President of the Alaska Council of Carpenters. A Native Alaskan, he felt a
15 need for formal educational institutions in rural areas of Alaska. In recognition
16 of his efforts to promote education in the state, a regional high school in Nome,
17 the first of its kind in northern Alaska, was named the William E. Beltz High
18 School.

19 **A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to the family of the Honorable
20 William Beltz, former Alaska state senator.