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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDGMON, LeDoux, Westlake, Tuck, Foster, Millett, Chenault, Tarr, Stutes, Gara, Kito, Fansler, Drummond, Guttenberg**SENATORS Hoffman, Dunleavy, MacKinnon, Costello, Bishop, Stevens, Micciche, Hughes, Gardner, Begich, Egan, Coghill, Meyer, Olson, Kelly, Stedman****Introduced: 5/15/17****Referred: Today's Calendar****A RESOLUTION**

1 **Dedicating the House Finance Committee Room in the Alaska State Capitol to the late**
 2 **Representative Albert "Al" P. Sikkiagruk Adams.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** Representative Albert "Al" P. Sikkiagruk Adams was elected by his
 5 constituents from House District 37 to the House of Representatives in 1980 during the
 6 Twelfth Alaska State Legislature; and

7 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams was elected by his colleagues as sole chair of the
 8 House Finance Committee in the Second Regular Session of the Twelfth Alaska State
 9 Legislature and continued in that role for the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Alaska
 10 State Legislatures under both Republican and Democratic Leadership; and

11 **WHEREAS** the operating and capital budgets that Representative Adams crafted
 12 reflected a balance between urban and rural areas of the state, led to the reopening of Mount
 13 Edgumbe as a state boarding school, and increased funding for all school districts in the
 14 state; and

15 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams strove to improve the lives of people in rural areas
 16 of the state by funding water and sewer projects; Representative Adams also implemented the
 17 Power Cost Equalization Program and fought hard to convince the Alaska State Legislature to

1 establish an endowment to fund power cost equalization in perpetuity; and

2 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams was elected to the Senate in 1988 and served on
3 the Senate Finance Committee until his retirement at the end of the Nineteenth Alaska State
4 Legislature in 2000; and

5 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams' knowledge of legislative rules resulted in
6 efficient, timely, and prompt committee meetings, with all members receiving budget and bill
7 information in advance; and

8 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams' leadership in financially tumultuous times
9 contributed to keeping the state's economy and government on a path to solvency, while
10 protecting and growing the Alaska permanent fund; and

11 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams' personal relationships with colleagues on both
12 sides of the aisle enabled him to lead the House of Representatives and the Senate to positive
13 resolution of contentious issues; and

14 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams was an astute lawmaker and a master at
15 understanding politics and state finances; Representative Adams chaired the House Finance
16 Committee during his eight-year term in the House of Representatives, served 18 years on the
17 Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, and served 12 years on the Operating Budget
18 Conference Committee; he also served on other key committees that helped protect
19 subsistence and bring needed infrastructure and social services to rural areas of the state; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his legislative service, Representative Adams held other
21 positions as president of Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation and executive vice president of
22 NANA Regional Corporation; he also served on numerous boards, including the Alaska
23 Airlines Advisory Board, Arctic Power, Mount Edgecumbe's advisory board, and NANA
24 Regional Corporation; and

25 **WHEREAS**, although Representative Adams led a very public life, he was a beloved
26 husband, father, and grandfather for whom family was the highest priority; he often organized
27 subsistence hunting and fishing trips during which he passed down traditional Inupiaq skills
28 to his children; whether dipnetting at the mouth of the Kenai River, caribou hunting outside
29 Kotzebue, or visiting the fish wheel at Chitina, he made certain that wife, children, and
30 grandchildren knew they were loved and that they came first and foremost in his life; and

31 **WHEREAS** Representative Adams was a benevolent man who kept cash in his

1 vehicle to give to those in need, provided meals to those who were hungry, gave boxes of
 2 turkeys to Beans Café at Christmas, and gave money for gifts to the Friends Church, and
 3 recipients of his generosity often never knew where the gifts came from; and

4 **WHEREAS**, following his retirement from the Alaska State Legislature in 2000,
 5 Representative Adams worked as an advisor to Northwest Arctic Borough and North Slope
 6 Borough until 2003, at which time he began a career as a lobbyist with a focus on
 7 representing rural and Alaska Native interests; he again provided a powerful voice in Juneau
 8 and Washington, D.C., drawing on his years of legislative experience; he brought the same
 9 passion to lobbying that he had as a legislator, always saying that the individuals he
 10 represented were not his clients, they were his people; he tirelessly promoted the continued
 11 successes of Mount Edgecumbe High School because of the valuable opportunities the school
 12 provides to develop relationships between talented young Alaska Native people;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the House Finance
 14 Committee Room, currently Room 519 of the Capitol, be dedicated to Representative Albert
 15 "Al" P. Sikkiagruk Adams for his exemplary service as a member of the House of
 16 Representatives, the Senate, and the House Finance Committee for more than 20 years; and be
 17 it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a bronze plaque shall be placed on or near the door of
 19 the room celebrating Representative Albert "Al" P. Sikkiagruk Adams' legislative
 20 achievements, dedication, and service to the legislature and the House Finance Committee,
 21 bearing the following inscription:

22 **THE ALBERT "AL" P. SIKKIAGRUK ADAMS ROOM**

23 The Albert "Al" P. Sikkiagruk Adams Committee Room
 24 memorializes the dedication and service of Albert "Al" P.
 25 Sikkiagruk Adams, who served as a member of the House of
 26 Representatives and as the last sole Chair of the House Finance
 27 Committee during the Twelfth through Fifteenth Alaska State
 28 Legislatures. He served in the Senate as a member of the Senate
 29 Finance Committee during the Sixteenth through Nineteenth
 30 Alaska State Legislatures.

31 **A COPY** of this resolution shall be presented to the family of the late Representative

1 Albert "Al" P. Sikkiagruk Adams.