

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Honoring the memory of Lieutenant
6 Colonel Thomas E. Norris, late
7 Operations Staff Officer of the
8 Alaska Air National Guard.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE
10 CONCURRING:

11 WHEREAS, during the legislative recess, Lieutenant Colonel
12 Thomas E. Norris, Operations Staff Officer of the Alaska Air
13 National Guard, lost his life in an aircraft accident while en-
14 gaged in duties pertaining to the reconstruction of the state after
15 the earthquake disaster; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Norris was a distinguished officer admired
17 and respected by all who knew him; and

18 WHEREAS, Colonel Norris flew with great distinction during
19 the Second World War, earning by his skill and valor the
20 Distinguished Flying Cross, with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air
21 Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, the American Campaign Medal,
22 the World War II Victory Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service
23 Award, the European, African and Middle Eastern Campaign Medals,
24 the Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem, and the Croix de Guerre
25 with Palm; and

26 WHEREAS, he served his state and country with ability and
27 diligence as Operations Staff Officer of the Alaska Air National
28 Guard from 1958 until the time of his death; and

29 WHEREAS, the ability and dedication of Colonel Norris directly

1 contributed to the success of the Alaska National Guard in fulfill-
2 ing its mission of service to Alaska and the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the death of Colonel Norris, in the execution of his
4 duties, is a grievous loss to the people of Alaska;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby expresses its
6 highest regard for the late Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Norris and
7 deep sorrow at his untimely death, and extends to his mother,
8 brothers and sisters, his wife, Dorothy Jean Norris, and their
9 three children, its sincerest condolences on their loss which they
10 share with the people of Alaska.

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