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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY METCALF

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to affording special relief  
6 to Mrs. Mabel Wisdom.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS Mr. Alva Wisdom unselfishly and heroically gave his life to  
9 save others in the Good Friday earthquake on March 27, 1964; and

10 WHEREAS the Alaska Workmen's Compensation Board determined that Mr.  
11 Alva Wisdom was an employee of the City of Seward at the time he drowned  
12 based on his volunteering to assist in the evacuation of his fellow  
13 citizens; and

14 WHEREAS the board's decision was upheld on appeal to the Superior  
15 Court; and

16 WHEREAS the Supreme Court determined that since Mr. Wisdom volunteered  
17 to help and made no request for remuneration and compensation was not dis-  
18 cussed, no contract of employment existed at the time of his death; and

19 WHEREAS the Supreme Court concluded: "Whether or not our compensation  
20 act is to have such an expansive reach is, in our opinion, a judgment which  
21 appropriately rests with the Legislature. Not only is this broad question  
22 deserving of consideration by the Legislature but the instant case warrants  
23 the Legislature's consideration of affording special relief to Alva Wisdom's  
24 widow.";

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the House and Senate Finance Committees appropriate  
26 the sum of \$20,000 to Mrs. Mabel Wisdom in memorium of Mr. Alva Wisdom.  
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