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BY PERATROVICH AND DEVEAU

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H.O. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Commending Senator Ernest Gruening.

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

7 WHEREAS Senator Ernest Gruening served as the Governor of the Territory
8 of Alaska for over 13 years, and during that time spearheaded the enactment
9 of a basic tax structure which established the sound economic base necessary
10 for the survival of the territory; and

11 WHEREAS he has always fought for the rights of Native Alaskans and, as
12 Governor, established the first state measure protecting Natives from dis-
13 crimination; and

14 WHEREAS he greatly increased the participation of the people in the
15 villages and the bush areas in the processes of democratic government; and

16 WHEREAS he was highly instrumental in obtaining statehood for Alaska;
17 and

18 WHEREAS he established National Guard units all along the Bering Sea
19 coast, thus benefiting the villages and the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, as a United States Senator, he initiated and brought into
21 operation many public projects necessary to Alaska's economic development;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, through his courage in the advocacy of just but unpopular
24 causes, his intelligence, dignity, and scholarship, and his deep concern
25 for human beings, he has demonstrated the qualities of a great statesman;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature commend Ernest Gruening
27 for the great benefits he has brought to the State of Alaska and to the
28 nation by his constant dedication to and struggle for enlightened government.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Senator Ernest Gruening.