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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Expressing the grief of the Alaska

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Legislature over the passing of

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Dwight David Eisenhower.

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

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WHEREAS Dwight David Eisenhower was a rare individual of many talents:

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soldier, author, educator and statesman, who used his wide range of knowledge

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and experience for the betterment of our nation; and

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WHEREAS his life was a model of that which is finest in dedicated

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public service; and

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WHEREAS "Ike" had a family heritage of citizen-soldiery, pride of

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family, honor, and depth of religious conviction which were passed to and

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personified by him; and

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WHEREAS Dwight David Eisenhower will be remembered as the smiling,

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jubilant President who was a symbol of moderation to all sides of the

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political spectrum; and who maintained a philosophy apart from partisan

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politics; and

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WHEREAS he was to most historians, the most important military figure

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of World War II, the victorious outcome of which had depended in large part

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upon his decisions as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force;

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WHEREAS despite his military orientation, his life was dedicated to the

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quest for an honorable peace, coupled with the protection and perpetuation

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of basic human freedom; and

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WHEREAS his Presidency is distinguished for his efforts at international

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cooperation, especially with the Soviet Union, his efforts to maintain

1 a stance of military strength, a desire for understanding among men, and a
2 commitment to the proposition of every man's equality before the law; and

3 WHEREAS Dwight David Eisenhower took a nation utterly fatigued from
4 depression and two wars, frightened of nuclear holocaust, and riven with
5 doubt about its heritage and destiny, and kept it safe and nurtured it back
6 to strength until it was ready to proceed with the new hope he helped give
7 it; and

8 WHEREAS the people of Alaska labored for many years to become the
9 Nation's 49th state and the long and arduous struggle ended when President
10 Eisenhower signed the Proclamation of Statehood on January 3, 1959, after
11 championing Alaska's cause and providing the needed impetus for the Con-
12 gressional passage of the Statehood Act; and

13 WHEREAS the people of Alaska are especially grieved by the loss of
14 "Ike" because of his vital role in the achievement of Alaska's goal of state-
15 hood and his continued concern for the growth and development of the state;

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that this
17 Resolution serve as an expression of grief at the passing of Dwight David
18 Eisenhower and as a token of sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Eisenhower and to
19 their son John, and his family.

20 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower, and
21 to their son, John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower and his family.
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