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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Honoring Eva McGown.

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

7 WHEREAS Eva McGown, one of Alaska's premier citizens, met an untimely
8 death on February 22, 1972, in the disastrous Nordale Hotel fire in Fairbanks;
9 and

10 WHEREAS after her arrival in Alaska in 1914 from her childhood home in
11 Ireland, Eva McGown's life was inextricably entwined with the notable moments
12 of Alaskan history; and

13 WHEREAS after following a happy career as homemaker for her first 16
14 years in Alaska as the wife of Fairbanks pioneer Arthur McGown, she faced
15 the personal tragedy of his death and dedicated herself to sharing with
16 others by embarking on a new career of community service; and

17 WHEREAS with her natural love for humanity, her keen interest in people
18 and their problems and her abundance of energy, Eva McGown became Fairbanks'
19 unofficial hostess long before she was proclaimed "official hostess" for
20 Fairbanks and, later, for the whole state; and

21 WHEREAS this woman's compassion for human need has now become a legend
22 throughout the world because her numerous benefactors now serve our nation
23 in every part of the globe and all have a fond memory of Fairbanks and
24 Alaska because of Eva McGown; and

25 WHEREAS Eva's office was always a haven of refuge for any person who
26 needed help, and help she gave willingly with equal compassion and concern for
27 all; and

28 WHEREAS her wit, wisdom and irrepressible energy will be sorely missed
29 by all those who knew her and by the innumerable service clubs and organiza-

1 tions in which she served;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska Legislature joins with the people
3 of Alaska and her thousands of friends everywhere in mourning the loss of
4 the good, great and beautiful Eva McGown, and that this resolution serve as
5 a small token of the high regard and esteem for the dedication and faithful
6 service to her fellowmen which Eva McGown practiced unceasingly throughout
7 her life.