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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST  
OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Honoring Gerritt "Heinie" Snider.

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

7 WHEREAS Gerritt "Heinie" Snider, one of Alaska's most famous and most  
8 picturesque pioneers, who was often referred to as the "flying Dutchman" and  
9 the "wildcat from Wasilla", recently passed away; and

10 WHEREAS Heinie's death has brought to a close an unequalled career of  
11 service in innumerable areas by a man who symbolized the Alaskan way of life;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS Heinie served in both the Territorial Senate and House with  
14 distinction, and, in addition, was a mink rancher and a potato farmer, and  
15 was active in truckdriving and railroading during his career, in radio and  
16 as an author; and

17 WHEREAS he was known throughout the state by hundreds of friends who  
18 were fortunate enough to experience his ever-ready humor and as a raconteur  
19 he had few equals; and

20 WHEREAS he maintained an active interest in both domestic and inter-  
21 national events and issues all of his life; and

22 WHEREAS, as an example of his interest in and concern for all Alaskans,  
23 he donated in 1965 a portion of his homestead to the Pioneers of Alaska for  
24 use as a park and recreation facility;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it laments the passing of  
26 Gerritt "Heinie" Snider, but proclaims its belief that few men have ever  
27 exemplified those sparks of courage, adventure and selflessness which  
28 characterized Heinie Snider.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Alice J. Snider, his wife;

1 to Mrs. Elwin Hjellen, Mrs. Lloyd Short and Mrs. C. W. Betts, his daughters;  
2 and to Mrs. Jacob Gootheer, Mrs. Joe deVries, Mrs. Michiel Deckker and  
3 Mrs. Jan deMoes, his sisters.

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