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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to the poet laureate of Alaska

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

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WHEREAS poetry is one of the highest forms of literary expression and
an important human endeavor; and

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WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska desires to further the
writing of poetry in the state; and

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WHEREAS Ruben Gaines has published books of poems and records--CONVER-
SATION UNLIMITED 1 and 2, CHILKOOT CHARLIE 1 and 2--and has had numerous
poems published in state and national periodicals; and

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WHEREAS Ruben Gaines has maintained poetry programs over a local radio
station in Anchorage for years; and

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WHEREAS Ruben Gaines has been for years and is now a leading figure in
the furtherance of the arts in Alaska;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth State Legislature that Ruben Gaines is
appointed Poet Laureate of the State of Alaska.

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