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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Paying tribute to the memory of

6 Earl D. Hillstrand.

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

8 WHEREAS the members of the Eighth Alaska Legislature are deeply grieved
9 to learn of the passing of one of its senior and most valued members, Earl D.
10 Hillstrand of Anchorage; and

11 WHEREAS Representative Hillstrand, a native of Seattle, Washington, was
12 a graduate of the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, and George Washington
13 University Law School, Washington, D.C.; he arrived in Alaska in 1944 where
14 he first served as an attorney with the Alaskan Command; and

15 WHEREAS, prominent in real estate and insurance in Anchorage, perhaps
16 Earl Hillstrand was best known to most Alaskans as the owner and operator of
17 Land's End restaurant and hotel on the Homer Spit -- no one who enjoyed the
18 hospitality of this nationally-known resort, however briefly, could fail to
19 recall the superb cuisine, the memorable, peaceful view out across Kachemak
20 Bay and Cook Inlet to the surrounding grandeur of crystal glaciers and towering
21 peaks that comprise the Kenai Peninsula, or, the graciousness of the host; and

22 WHEREAS, first elected to the 23rd and last Territorial Legislature in
23 1956, he served in the First, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Alaska
24 Legislatures as a member of the House of Representatives from Anchorage; and

25 WHEREAS, in more than 12 years of legislative service to the people of
26 this state, Earl Hillstrand twice served as Chairman of the House Finance
27 Committee -- in the First and the Eighth Legislatures; also during this
28 period, he was a member of the Rules, Judiciary, Commerce and State Affairs
29 Committees, serving as Vice-Chairman and Chairman, respectively, of the

1 latter two; and

2 WHEREAS, elected as a Democrat, he nevertheless examined microscopically
3 every budget bill of every governor regardless of party, and every appropria-
4 tion measure, for he was the state legislature's preeminent, vigorous spokes-
5 man for fiscal integrity, preferring to be known to the public and his
6 colleagues alike as the "watchdog of the state treasury";

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Alaska State Legislature that as
8 they convey to his family their sorrow and sense of loss of an esteemed fellow
9 legislator, they do so by acknowledging the significant contribution Earl D.
10 Hillstrand made to the development of Alaska and to the financial health of
11 state government for three decades as a distinguished businessman and as a
12 courageous, outspoken state legislator; the stilling of his voice that
13 invariably cried out for caution makes the task of legislating at this ses-
14 sion and at future sessions of the Alaska Legislature that much more diffi-
15 cult, for we, as friends and colleagues, will miss his wise counsel and
16 guidance.

17 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his widow, Mary Jane; to his
18 daughters, Mary Joann of Oakland, California, and Mary Margaret of Anchorage;
19 and to his son, John Wesley of Homer.
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