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1 IN THE SENATE

BY POLAND

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Honoring Anfesia Shapsnikoff.

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

7 WHEREAS Anfesia Shapsnikoff, known affectionately to many Alaskans as
8 "Little Grandma", recently passed away; and

9 WHEREAS Mrs. Shapsnikoff was a lifelong resident of Unalaska and devoted
10 her life to preserving the colorful heritage of the Aleut people; and

11 WHEREAS she, probably more than any other person, was a spokesman for
12 the Aleut people and was instrumental in reviving the art of Aleut basketry
13 and in preserving other segments of the culture and history of her people;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, aside from the above activities for which she rightfully was
16 renowned in her own lifetime, she was a noted community organizer who con-
17 tinually worked within local government for the betterment of her people and
18 has been credited with doing more to perpetuate the Russian Orthodox Church
19 in Unalaska than anyone and received a special certificate from Bishop
20 Theodosius for her long and outstanding service to the Orthodox faith; and

21 WHEREAS she represented the State of Alaska at many functions over the
22 years and in many states, including being in charge of Alaska's program at
23 the Oregon Centennial in 1959, visiting museums, Indian centers, and like
24 organizations talking about her people and other Alaskan matters, as well as
25 throughout the State of Alaska; and

26 WHEREAS she was honored during the Alaska Centennial in 1967 with the
27 Governor's Award for perpetuating Native arts and crafts;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it expresses its most
29 profound sense of loss as a result of the death of this truly remarkable

1 "Little Grandma" but affirms its belief that, because of her devotion to her
2 people, her culture, her community, and her state, generations of Alaskans
3 for years to come will be indebted to Anfesia Shapsnikoff and she will always
4 be revered as a truly great Alaskan.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Philemon and Tracy Tutiakoff,
6 her sons; Mrs. Robert Herrick, her daughter; Vincent Tutiakoff, her grandson;
7 and to Timothy Tutiakoff, Gregory Shapsnikoff, and Mrs. Tom Reedy, her foster
8 children.

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