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1 IN THE HOUSE BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Honoring Don Sheldon.

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

7 WHEREAS Don Sheldon, veteran Alaskan bush pilot, whose heroic rescues,
8 mercy missions, and glacier landings made him famous the world over, has met
9 an untimely death; and

10 WHEREAS for more than 30 years he achieved in fact what most only hope
11 for in dreams; and

12 WHEREAS, an Alaskan since 1938, he began flying in the early forties and
13 in his early career flew 26 missions during World War II; and

14 WHEREAS among his more legendary exploits, were rescue missions in the
15 Devil's Canyon in the late fifties and the rescue of the John Day party on
16 Mt. McKinley in 1957 when he landed his plane at an elevation of 14,000 feet;
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18 WHEREAS his life style epitomized that of the "true Alaskan," always
19 being characterized by a sense of adventure which he conveyed to others and
20 yet he was known as a man possessed always of good humor and concerned about
21 the well being of his fellow men; and

22 WHEREAS Alaskans everywhere are saddened by his untimely departure from
23 their ranks;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth State Legislature that it conveys its most
25 heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Don Sheldon but expresses the members'
26 collective belief that the memory of him will remain forever in the hearts of
27 his fellow Alaskans and his innumerable friends throughout the world.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his wife Roberta, and to
29 his children, Robert, Holly, and Kate Sheldon.

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