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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Paying tribute to the memory of

6 Joseph M. Briones.

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

8 WHEREAS with the death, May 26, 1974, of Joseph M. Briones -- for 18
9 years adjutant, finance officer and veterans service officer for the American
10 Legion, Department of Alaska -- this "Great Land" has lost one of its most
11 untiring, dedicated civic men; and

12 WHEREAS, born July 22, 1920, in Mercedes, Texas, Joe Briones graduated
13 from high school in Mission, Texas, and attended the University of Missis-
14 sippi before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and serving in
15 England for four years during World War II; after his discharge he returned
16 to graduate from the University of Texas with majors in business law and
17 administration; and

18 WHEREAS, an Alaskan since 1948, he was a surveyor for the U.S. Army Corps
19 of Engineers, later a partner in a Kenai grocery store, and then an employee
20 for the City of Anchorage, before arriving in Juneau in 1956 to begin his
21 long service to the veterans of the State of Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS in his official capacity he traveled widely throughout the state,
23 tirelessly giving assistance to all veterans and making countless friends
24 everywhere; he was known to members of the legislature as an able, knowledge-
25 able advocate of veterans legislation; and

26 WHEREAS he also found time to edit the Alaska Legionnaire, maintain
27 active membership in the Lions, Moose, Press Club, P.A.L., 40 and 8, and was
28 a devout member of the Catholic Church of the Nativity, as well as a vigorous
29 campaigner on behalf of the Democratic Party; and

1 WHEREAS to most Alaskans who knew him, however, Joe Briones' preeminent
2 personal achievement was his unstinting effort in pioneering the development
3 of the Alaska Boys' State program under the sponsorship of the American
4 Legion; he participated in the advance planning for and the staff work of
5 every Boys' State session since its inauguration in this state;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the members, in
7 extending their sympathy to the family of Joseph M. Briones, express the
8 gratitude of the people of this state for his inspired leadership in the
9 public weal and particularly acknowledge his exceptional contribution to the
10 youth of Alaska, for as Joe Briones saw his role in guiding Boys' State:
11 there was no more important civic duty than the preparation of youth for the
12 responsibilities of American citizenship; his industry, knowledge, skill,
13 genial temperament and delightful good humor will be sorely missed in that
14 endeavor.

15 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his widow, Marjory O. Briones,
16 to his daughters, Benita Maria and Melissa Jo; and to his brothers, Henry
17 Rodriguez of Portland, Oregon, Samuel Briones of Austin, Texas, Pat Briones
18 of Weslco, Texas, and to his sister, Josephine Marclias of Austin, Texas.