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Business

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Congratulating, honoring, and apologizing

6 to Paul Roberts.

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

8 WHEREAS Paul Roberts, a newcomer to the State of Alaska from the 50th
9 State of Hawaii, embarked on a 750-mile hike from Anchorage to Keno, Yukon
10 Territory, which he completed in 36 and 1/2 days without the aid of any
11 transportation aids; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to prove that as a cheechako he could survive the
13 rugged conditions of this Great Land, he entered into an agreement with
14 eleven individuals that he would receive a total reward of \$6,000, to be de-
15 posited with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, if he completed the trip in
16 48 days according to terms agreed upon; and

17 WHEREAS, upon completing his hike in full compliance with the terms and
18 spirit of the agreement, Paul Roberts received only \$2 and a note containing
19 racial slurs against himself from the eleven individuals; and

20 WHEREAS it is the pride and tradition of Alaska to welcome newcomers who
21 do not harm in any way our great land and respect our beautiful land as we
22 Alaskans respect it and live for its fine offerings; and

23 WHEREAS Paul Roberts has not only suffered from unjust maliciousness and
24 unforgiveable racism, but he has also been denied deserving recognition for
25 an accomplishment widely admired and highly esteemed by Alaskans; and

26 WHEREAS the injustices perpetrated by these individuals against Paul
27 Roberts are considered an affront to all Alaskans who pride themselves on the
28 Alaskan camaraderie and tradition of the sourdough and who disdain the
29 abusive behavior of persons who do not respect their fellow men and Alaskans;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature congratulates Paul
2 Roberts for his great accomplishment in hiking through Alaska and Yukon
3 Territory and for his apparent appreciation of the Alaskan wilderness; and
4 be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature is outraged by the crude and crass
6 behavior displayed towards Paul Roberts; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature apologizes to Paul Roberts on
8 behalf of the people of Alaska for his mistreatment; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature is pleased to make Paul Roberts
10 an honorary resident of Alaska.

11 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to Paul Roberts.
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