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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 154

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Congratulating Marj Huizer on the occasion
6 of her "retirement".

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

8 WHEREAS there is circulating among us a monstrous rumor of the impending
9 retirement of Marj Huizer from the post of Legal Editor for the Legal Ser-
10 vices Division of the Legislative Affairs Agency; and

11 WHEREAS Mrs. Huizer has been a member of the legislative staff virtually
12 since the organization of the Legislative Council in 1953, having arrived in
13 these hallowed halls from the staff of the territorial Attorney General; as
14 such, she is the senior member of the permanent professional staff of the
15 Alaska State Legislature; and

16 WHEREAS during the intervening years she has guided, counseled, and
17 advised the legislature and its staff on the language, style and format of
18 legislative measures: woe unto the legal counsel who submits a draft bill or
19 resolution and who, in the preparation thereof, has failed to consult and
20 adhere to the Legislative Drafting Manual, a "Bible" whose maintenance in
21 large measure has been influenced by the meticulous Marj; as a result she is
22 the preeminent authority on the style and format of the Alaska Statutes and
23 the Alaska Constitution; and

24 WHEREAS in the hours and days when she is not scrutinizing draft legis-
25 lation and correcting our manifold errors in style and draftsmanship, or
26 indexing the subject matter of the numerous bills and resolutions introduced
27 each legislative session, Marj Huizer can be found gardening at her Fritz
28 Cove Road home; or granola-making or lemon cake-baking, at which she is also
29 expert; or, with her devoted husband, Ed, upon the navigable waters of this

1 state, canoeing along some meandering stream or out upon a peaceful lake;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Alaska State Legislature, as well
3 as the members of the entire staff of the Legislative Affairs Agency, look
4 upon the rumored "retirement" of Marj Huizer with mixed emotions -- such as
5 dismay, if not horror, for there well may be chaos in the preparation of
6 bills and resolutions without her expert knowledge of legislative style and
7 the consummate care and skill with which she has long edited the reams of
8 legislative drafts; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that in adopting this resolution the members of the
10 legislature, joined by its staff, hope to dissuade Marj Huizer from contem-
11 plating retirement; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that, nevertheless, whatever her decision with respect
13 to retirement, the members of the Alaska State Legislature extend to Marj and
14 Ed their warmest best wishes as they spend the years ahead "doing their own
15 thing" without a thought as to the potentially disastrous situation she may
16 have created by her retirement as Legal Editor; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of and appreciation for her contri-
18 bution to the State of Alaska in her role as Legal Editor for the Legislative
19 Affairs Agency, in which capacity she has preserved and maintained the integ-
20 rity of the language, style and form of the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska
21 Constitution, Marj Huizer is hereby designated Revisor of Statutes, Emeritus.

22 A COPY of this resolution shall be presented to Mrs. Marj Huizer.
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