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BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Honoring Don Sheldon.

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

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WHEREAS Don Sheldon, veteran Alaskan bush pilot, whose heroic rescues,

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mercy missions, and glacier landings made him famous the world over, has met

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an untimely death; and

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WHEREAS for more than 30 years he achieved in fact what most only hope

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for in dreams; and

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WHEREAS, an Alaskan since 1938, he began flying in the early forties and

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in his early career flew 26 missions during World War II; and

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WHEREAS among his more legendary exploits, were rescue missions in the

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Devil's Canyon in the late fifties and the rescue of the John Day party on

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Mt. McKinley in 1957 when he landed his plane at an elevation of 14,000 feet;

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WHEREAS his life style epitomized that of the "true Alaskan," always

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being characterized by a sense of adventure which he conveyed to others and

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yet he was known as a man possessed always of good humor and concerned about

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the well being of his fellow men; and

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WHEREAS Alaskans everywhere are saddened by his untimely departure from

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their ranks;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth State Legislature that it conveys its most

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heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Don Sheldon but expresses the members'

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collective belief that the memory of him will remain forever in the hearts of

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his fellow Alaskans and his innumerable friends throughout the world.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his wife Roberta, and to

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his children, Robert, Holly, and Kate Sheldon.

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