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1 IN THE SENATE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Paying tribute to the memory of Walter E.
6 Guess.

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

8 WHEREAS the members of the Ninth Alaska Legislature are deeply grieved
9 to learn of the passing of one of their former premier colleagues, Gene Guess,
10 of Anchorage; and

11 WHEREAS Gene served continuously in the legislature from 1965 to 1972
12 in almost every capacity possible, culminating with his elevation to Speaker
13 of the House during the Seventh State Legislature; and

14 WHEREAS, even after his retirement from the legislature to run for higher
15 office, he remained active in all matters affecting the state and its people;
16 and

17 WHEREAS Gene was respected by both parties, and all factions of each,
18 throughout his tenure as one of the most competent and knowledgeable states-
19 men to have ever served the public of his adopted state; and

20 WHEREAS his legislative proposals were some of the most imaginative and
21 innovative measures put forth to solve the ever-increasing problems of the
22 state during a period of rapid development; and

23 WHEREAS Alaskans throughout the state and all Alaskan communities are
24 today and will continue for generations to come to enjoy the benefits accom-
25 plished by Gene in proposing and successfully having passed such, at the
26 time, innovative measures and concepts such as revenue sharing; and

27 WHEREAS as a leader Gene was unsurpassed, tough, intelligent, yet fair
28 to the nth degree, having a thorough grasp of the myriad problems confronting
29 the state as well as being understanding and compassionate when it came to

1 dealing with human frailties;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Alaska State Legislature that as
3 they convey to his family their sorrow and sense of loss of an esteemed
4 colleague, they do so by acknowledging the many significant contributions
5 Walter E. Guess made to the orderly development of Alaska and the many
6 humanitarian concepts he advocated to enhance the welfare of all Alaskans;
7 the stilling of his voice that invariably cried out on matters of concern to
8 the state and its people will make the task of legislating at this session
9 and at future sessions that much more difficult, for we, as friends and
10 colleagues, will miss his wise counsel and guidance.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his widow, Carolyn; to Carl,
12 John, and Philip, his sons; and to Gretchen, his daughter.
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