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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Honoring the memory of William Paul, Sr.

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

7 The death of a distinguished former Alaskan, William L. Paul, Sr., was
8 announced in Seattle this week.

9 William Paul was a man whose work was characterized by dedication,
10 energy, controversy, and productivity. He devoted most of his efforts
11 towards the recognition of the rights and needs of Alaska's indigenous popu-
12 lation and as his life closed at age 91 he was still working. Of Tlingit and
13 Caucasian extraction, he was in the forefront of the successful fight for
14 Congressional recognition of Indian citizenship in 1924. He was the first
15 Indian elected to the Alaska Territorial Legislature and served in the 1925
16 and 1927 sessions. He applied his talents as an attorney to the early and
17 later efforts of the Native citizens of Alaska to set aside discriminatory
18 laws, provide for equal education rights, and settle the rights of Natives to
19 their ancestral lands. One of the founders of the Tlingit-Haida Central
20 Council and the Alaska Native Brotherhood, he later became president of the
21 latter organization and was writing a history of the ANB at the time of his
22 death.

23 The Alaska State Legislature is proud to salute the life of accomplish-
24 ment of this great contributor to Alaskan history and progress and extends
25 its sincerest condolences to the members of the Paul family on the occasion
26 of their loss.

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