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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BENNETT

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Honoring Heinie Carstens.

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

7 WHEREAS Heinie Carstens was an Alaska pioneer and a gold prospector in
8 this state for over fifty years, with successful mining operations in the
9 Circle District and on Lower Eagle Creek; and

10 WHEREAS during his times away from mining Mr. Carstens' contributions
11 to Alaska's development included cutting 16,000 railroad ties from tree stumps,
12 bulldozing 27 miles of the Alaska Highway, and loading 500-pound, 55-gallon
13 barrels of fuel without aid, a feat which earned him the reputation as "the
14 strongest man in Alaska"; and

15 WHEREAS Heinie Carstens loved Alaska and her people from the moment of
16 his arrival in 1923, and once wrote his mother in Iowa that he had moved into
17 "the largest family in the world"; and

18 WHEREAS in his seventies he still carried a fifty-pound pack and would
19 walk eighty miles, and at age 72 his idea of a honeymoon was a 50-mile trip
20 over snow-covered Eagle Summit on a D8 Caterpillar, moving his operations to
21 new diggings;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes in Heinie
23 Carstens the stuff from which Alaskan folk heroes are made, honors his
24 memory, and extends condolences to his wife and co-worker, Peggy.

25 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to Peggy Carstens of Fairbanks.
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