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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Honoring the memory of James Dalton.

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

7 James Dalton, one of the finest engineering talents in the history of
8 Alaska, an early pioneer of logistics and operations in the Arctic, a member
9 of a pioneer Alaskan family, and a friend who "wore well" died in Fairbanks
10 May 7, 1977.

11 He was born in Seattle but came to Cordova with his family a month later.
12 His secondary education began at Washington State College and was completed
13 at the University of Alaska in 1937. The young mining engineer worked for
14 the next several years for various mining companies in the Fairbanks, Yukon
15 and Forty Mile area followed by work for the U.S. Army Engineers in the con-
16 struction of Ladd Air Force Base.

17 After service on active duty with the U.S. Navy during World War II,
18 James Dalton returned to the Arctic for exploration of Pet 4, building of
19 the DEW line, and development of the Barrow gas field and gas delivery sys-
20 tem. His report on petroleum possibilities in the Arctic, a subject of
21 continuing interest and importance, is still regarded as authoritative. When
22 the DEW line was formally opened, he returned to Fairbanks and did consulting
23 work for private firms and government agencies, but when further exploration
24 of Pet 4 was authorized he began to do almost full-time work for the Navy
25 and its operator there.

26 James Dalton was a quiet man. A man who did notable work. A man who
27 inspired loyalty. A man whose friends enjoyed him. He was a rare individual.
28 He will be missed. The legislature, for itself and the people of the state,
29 extends its condolences to his wife, Kathleen (Mike) Dalton, and his children,

1 George and Libby.

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