

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RUDD

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Congratulating Jean Elizabeth Dementi on
6 her ordination into the Episcopal priest-
7 hood.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS Jean Elizabeth Dementi was recently ordained into the Episcopal
10 priesthood, and she is the first woman in Alaska to be so ordained; and

11 WHEREAS since 1951 Jean Dementi has been serving the Alaska bush as a
12 missionary nurse in Nenana, as a hospital superintendent and nurse in Fort
13 Yukon, and as a nurse-evangelist in Shageluk and Anvik; and

14 WHEREAS she has served the spiritual needs of the Alaska bush communi-
15 ties of Shageluk, Grayling and Anvik for 22 years, first as a lay minister,
16 then since 1972 as a deacon of the Episcopal Church, again the first woman in
17 Alaska to be so ordained; and

18 WHEREAS Jean Dementi has the utmost respect as an educator and a "bed-
19 rock" theologian from the Bishop and the diocesan staff in Alaska;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives extends its
21 warmest congratulations to Jean Elizabeth Dementi on the occasion of her
22 historic ordination into the Episcopal priesthood, culminating 26 years of
23 service to the Alaskan bush and to the church.

24 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to Jean Elizabeth Dementi of
25 Shageluk.

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