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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Honoring the memory of James Dalton.

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

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

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

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

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

George and Libby.