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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Honoring Bob Wescott.

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

7 Alaska has lost a pioneer.

8 Bob Wescott, a 31-year resident of Fairbanks, has died. Mr. Wescott  
9 was born in West Plains, Missouri in 1907. A graduate of the University of  
10 Missouri in Columbia, he served two years as night editor of the campus  
11 newspaper. He went on to operate two weekly newspapers of his own in Emmence  
12 and Mountain View, Missouri, becoming the youngest newspaper editor in the  
13 state.

14 Bob Wescott married Olyvia "Libby" Woodard, his childhood sweetheart,  
15 in 1933. In the depths of the depression, they sold a ranch they had bought  
16 and moved to Longview, Washington, where Mr. Wescott edited the magazine of  
17 the Long Bell Lumber Company.

18 The Wescotts came to Alaska in 1941, residing in several localities  
19 before moving to Fairbanks in 1946. In Fairbanks Bob Wescott began to pursue  
20 one of his main interests -- raising dogs. He devoted 20 years to breeding  
21 Alaskan Huskies that today can be recognized as the "Wescott breed" in many  
22 dog racing teams throughout Alaska and the Lower 48. He founded the Alaska  
23 Dog Musers Association and, in 1947, began a radio program called "Mostly  
24 About Dogs." Bush residents supplied him with information about early-day  
25 dog team mail carriers and participants in the Nome Serum Run. The broadcast  
26 scripts he composed over two years make more than 1,000 pages of Alaskan sled  
27 dog history.

28 In 1948 the Wescotts opened the first one-day service photo finishing  
29 plant in Fairbanks, which they owned until 1960. In 1950 they bought a

1 160-acre homestead and cleared much of the land for farming, an activity  
2 Mr. Wescott pursued until his death.

3       Bob Wescott was greatly concerned about alcoholism in Alaska. He  
4 stressed village participation in finding solutions for the problem, believing  
5 that village garden projects could help decrease alcohol abuse in rural areas.

6       The Alaska State Legislature salutes the memory of Bob Wescott, a man  
7 of creativity and vision. Sincerest condolences are extended to the members  
8 of his family on the occasion of their loss.

9       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Olyvia "Libby" Wescott and  
10 Rynnieva Wescott.

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