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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Dedicating Senate Committee Rooms in
6 honor of Senator William Beltz and
7 Senator John Butrovich.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS Senator William Beltz and Senator John Butrovich established in
10 their service to the state a standard for strong leadership and dedicated
11 service; and

12 WHEREAS the standard established by these men serves as a reminder and a
13 goal for all of Alaska's public servants in striving to achieve the best
14 Alaska for Alaskans; and

15 WHEREAS the exemplary accomplishments of Senators Beltz and Butrovich
16 remain keenly felt and fondly remembered in the Senate and by the members of
17 the Senate;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate hereby formally dedicates a committee
19 room in honor of Senator William Beltz and a committee room in honor of
20 Senator John Butrovich; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be installed in the William Beltz
22 Committee Room bearing the following inscription:

23 THE WILLIAM BELTZ COMMITTEE ROOM

24 The William Beltz Committee Room memorializes the dedication
25 of William Beltz in serving the Territory and State of Alaska.
26 William Beltz was born in Bear Creek, Alaska, in 1912. He
27 served in the territorial House of Representatives from 1949
28 to 1950, in the territorial Senate from 1951 to 1958, and in
29 the state Senate from 1959 to 1960, where he served as the

1 first President of the state Senate. He was a carpenter and,
2 in 1955, was elected President of the Alaska Council of
3 Carpenters. A Native Alaskan, he felt a need for formal edu-
4 cational institutions in rural areas of Alaska. In recognition
5 of his efforts to promote education in the state, a regional
6 high school in Nome, the first of its kind in northern Alaska,
7 was named the William E. Beltz High School.

8 and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be installed in the John Butrovich
10 Committee Room bearing the following inscription:

11 THE JOHN BUTROVICH COMMITTEE ROOM

12 The John Butrovich Committee Room memorializes the dedica-
13 tion of John Butrovich in serving the Territory and State
14 of Alaska. A member of a pioneer Alaskan family, he was
15 born in Fairbanks in 1910. He served in the territorial
16 Senate from 1945 to 1958 and in the state Senate from 1963
17 to 1978. During his career in the Senate, he served on
18 every committee in the Senate and, from 1967 to 1968 he
19 served as President of the Senate. His colleagues in the
20 House made him an honorary life member of the Alaska State
21 House of Representatives in 1978. His Senate colleagues
22 have bestowed upon him the title, "Dean of the Alaska Senate".
23 An active advocate of statehood, he presented an appeal to
24 President Eisenhower in 1956 for passage of a bill creating
25 the State of Alaska. His 30 years of service to the terri-
26 torial and state legislature ranked him fifth in the nation
27 for longevity of state legislative service.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John Butrovich,
29 former Alaska state senator, and to the family of the Honorable William

1 Beltz, former Alaska state senator.

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