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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Creating a Senate Special Committee to

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commemorate William A. Egan's career of

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public service to Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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WHEREAS William A. Egan dedicated his life to serving Alaska and its
10 people, and in the process achieved a record unmatched by any Alaskan:
11 Territorial House of Representatives (1941-1943, 1947-1951), author of
12 Statehood Referendum Act (1941), Army of the United States (1943-1946),
13 Mayor of Valdez (1946), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1951),
14 Territorial Senator (1953-1956), elected delegate to and president of the
15 Alaska Constitutional Convention (1955-1956), Alaska Tennessee Plan United
16 States Senator (1956-1958), Governor of Alaska (1959-1966, 1971-1974),
17 Alaskan of the Year (1971), and Honorary LLD University of Alaska (1972);
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WHEREAS Governor Egan died May 6, 1984, leaving behind a legacy of
20 high standards of public service and exemplified excellence in Alaska
21 government, combined with the humanity and humility of a true servant of
22 the people; and

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WHEREAS his efforts improved public understanding of and more effec-
24 tive public participation in Alaska government and public affairs, both
25 through the public and private sectors; and

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WHEREAS it would be in the public interest to promote the kinds of
27 attitudes and talents reflected by Bill Egan; and

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WHEREAS it is important to Alaska's future to preserve a full record
29 of Bill Egan's public service and of the times in which he served the

1 territory and the state of Alaska, both as a public official and a private
2 citizen; and

3 WHEREAS an educational program focusing on Alaska state and local
4 government and stimulating a statewide perspective in undergraduate and
5 graduate research and training in public policy issues and service would be
6 a lasting tribute to the man who contributed more than anyone to promote
7 the aspirations of all Alaskans;

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Senate that a Senate Special Com-
9 mittee to commemorate William A. Egan is established to:

10 (1) initiate a program to collect and conserve the records and
11 memories of Governor Egan's historic role in Alaska's development, includ-
12 ing actual collection of materials;

13 (2) investigate the desirability, feasibility, and benefits of
14 creating a William A. Egan School of Public Affairs; including recommenda-
15 tions for the organization and institutional arrangements of such a school
16 and a schedule of actions and costs necessary to establish and operate the
17 school;

18 (3) investigate and delineate other appropriate commemoration of
19 William A. Egan, including the commissioning of a statue to be placed in
20 the state capital, a bust to be located in the William A. Egan Center in
21 Anchorage, and other appropriate memorials;

22 (4) take other actions appropriate to carry out the purposes of
23 this resolution; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be made up of three to five
25 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, and that
26 this membership must include both majority and minority members; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee chairperson, designated by the
28 Senate President, may appoint staff, establish advisors, and obtain consul-
29 tant services within the limits of funds available; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings and
2 recommendations to the Legislature by February 1, 1985, and the committee
3 shall terminate on January 1, 1987.