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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Appointing Joanne Townsend Poet Laureate

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of Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS literary expression in the form of poetry is a pursuit that

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reaches and enriches human beings in all walks of life and circumstances;

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WHEREAS poets laureate have been recognized by the State of Alaska

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since 1963; and

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WHEREAS Joanne Townsend has been unanimously recommended by all past

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living poets laureate, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and the Liter-

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ature Panel of the Alaska State Council on the Arts; and

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WHEREAS Joanne Townsend's teaching of poetry and creative writing in

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Alaska's schools has helped others to achieve a greater appreciation of

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poetry; and

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WHEREAS Joanne Townsend is respected by her colleagues for the quality

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of her writing and for her dedication to poetry as a vital force in the

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state; and

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WHEREAS Joanne Townsend's published writings include "Balancing Act"

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(Harpoon Press); and

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WHEREAS Joanne Townsend's poems have appeared in many periodical

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publications since 1975;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Joanne Townsend is

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appointed Poet Laureate of Alaska.