

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MENARD AND DONLEY

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the State Geographic Board to

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name a mountain on the Kenai Peninsula

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after Bruce McGhan.

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

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WHEREAS Bruce McGhan was born and raised in the state and spent many
10 hours enjoying the beauty of Crescent Lake and the surrounding mountains on
11 the Kenai Peninsula; and

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WHEREAS Bruce McGhan was killed in an industrial accident at the age
13 of 33 leaving behind family and friends who knew and loved him; and

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WHEREAS four generations of Bruce McGhan's family have lived in the
15 state, coming to the state in the 1940's and bringing the brass rail that
16 is still installed in the Anchorage Fourth Avenue Theatre; and

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WHEREAS members of Bruce McGhan's family installed the first transmit-
18 ter station on Mount Susitna and worked on the statehood committee; and

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WHEREAS Bruce McGhan's grandfather, Clifford D. McGhan, drove one of
20 the first cars over the Alaska Highway and operated one of the early air-
21 lines between Alaska and Seattle; and

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WHEREAS Bruce McGhan's historic family ties to the state were made
23 stronger by his father, Terry McGhan, who installed the first public water
24 and sewer systems used in Spenard; and

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WHEREAS by being a conscientious and hard worker, Bruce McGhan accom-
26 plished much in his short life, beginning at the age of eight when, as the
27 youngest paper boy for the Anchorage Daily News, he established one of the
28 largest paper routes in Spenard and won dozens of awards for his efforts;
29 and

1 WHEREAS Bruce McGhan always exhibited the Alaska trait of accepting
2 any challenge, including when, at age 13, he learned to run his first piece
3 of heavy equipment, fixed the bulldozer when it broke down, and built a
4 runway at Mentasta Lodge on the Tok cutoff; and

5 WHEREAS Bruce McGhan contributed to the history of the state when he
6 worked for a remote bush construction company to build several village
7 schools; and

8 WHEREAS Bruce McGhan worked for the former state Department of Parks
9 and helped to design and build the bear-proof garbage cans that are used
10 today; and

11 WHEREAS Bruce McGhan exemplified the spirit of the state by simply
12 being a good and honorable man and by taking pride in his home state, pride
13 in every job he did, and pride in the family he left behind; and

14 WHEREAS Bruce McGhan's ashes are spread on a certain unnamed mountain,
15 among nine other unnamed mountains, in the area he loved so much; and

16 WHEREAS it is appropriate that a geographic feature within the
17 Crescent Lake area be named in his honor as a permanent testimony to his
18 memory; and

19 WHEREAS there is strong public support for this action, as demon-
20 strated by local political backing, resolutions, letters of support, and a
21 petition bearing more than 1,200 signatures; and

22 WHEREAS the unnamed mountain is located on the north shore of Kenai
23 Lake and south shore of Crescent Lake, at Section 13, Township 4 North,
24 Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, 60 degrees 26'00"N, 149 degrees 33'30"W;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the State
26 Geographic Board to name the above-described mountain in the Kenai Penin-
27 sula "Mount McGhan."

28 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable David G.
29 Hoffman, Chair of the State Geographic Board and to the members of Bruce

1 McGhan's immediate family.