

**CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10 (RULES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

**Offered: 4/16/92
Referred: Rules**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KOPONEN, Ellis

A RESOLUTION

**1 Dedicating Gallery A of the Chambers of the Alaska House of Representatives to
2 Representative Warren Arthur Taylor.**

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

**4 WHEREAS Warren Arthur Taylor (1891 - 1980), in turn a laborer, railroad man, prospector, and
5 attorney, enjoyed an illustrious public service career of more than three decades that included the critical
6 years of Alaska's transition from sparsely populated territory through the earliest years of statehood; and**

**7 WHEREAS Warren A. Taylor served five terms as a territorial representative, having been
8 elected by the voters of the Third Division while a resident of Cordova to serve in the 11th Territorial
9 Legislature (1933) and while a resident of Kodiak to serve in the 17th Territorial Legislature (1945), and
10 having been elected by the voters of the Fourth Division as a resident of Fairbanks to serve in the 19th,
11 22nd, and 23rd Territorial Legislatures (1949, 1955, 1957); and**

**12 WHEREAS Warren A. Taylor played a leading role in helping the people of the Territory of
13 Alaska secure statehood, serving first for a decade as a member of the Alaska Statehood Committee to
14 advocate the advantages of statehood and then as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, during
15 which he gave careful attention to the Alaska Constitution's Article on the Judiciary and to the section
16 committing the state to establishment and operation of a public school system that would be open to all**

1 the children of the state; and

2 **WHEREAS** Warren A. Taylor was elected and three times reelected by his friends and neighbors
3 in Fairbanks as a state representative during the formative years of the state (1959 - 1967), and guided
4 the passage into law of many of the principal pieces of legislation that have shaped state government
5 in its earliest years and down to the present time; and

6 **WHEREAS** Warren A. Taylor was chosen by his House colleagues as the Speaker of the House
7 of Representatives of the First Alaska State Legislature and selected to serve again in the same position
8 during the Second Alaska State Legislature; and

9 **WHEREAS** Speaker Warren A. Taylor's entire tenure during the territorial and state legislatures
10 involved service in the body having the larger membership of the legislative branch, the House of
11 Representatives; and

12 **WHEREAS** it is fitting that the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth
13 Alaska State Legislature should pay honor to this veteran legislator whose public service career so
14 significantly affected the formation of this state and the stature that the Alaska legislature now enjoys.

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives that the public gallery of the chambers of
16 the House of Representatives that is now known as Gallery A is dedicated to Representative Warren
17 Arthur Taylor, whose service as a member of this body spanned various sessions during the concluding
18 period of Alaska's status as a territory and the first four state legislatures; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a bronze plaque shall be placed on the door of the gallery to read:

20 **"TAYLOR GALLERY, dedicated to WARREN ARTHUR TAYLOR of Fairbanks,**
21 who served with honor and distinction for nine terms as a member of the House of
22 Representatives, having been elected as a member of five sessions of the Alaska
23 Territorial Legislature representing at various times the Third and Fourth Divisions, and
24 as a member of each of the first four state Legislatures representing Fairbanks; whose
25 colleagues elected him Speaker of the House of Representatives during the First and
26 Second Alaska Legislatures; and who, as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention,
27 guided the formation of the state judiciary and framed the section establishing the state's
28 public school system."