

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**Introduced: 4/10/92**

**Referred: Rules**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Dedicating Gallery B of the Chambers of the Alaska House of Representatives to Elizabeth**  
**2 Wanamaker Peratrovich.**

**3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

**4 WHEREAS Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich (1911 - 1958) was an important Alaska civil rights**  
**5 activist and a past president of the Alaska Native Sisterhood who battled the discrimination that existed**  
**6 against Natives in Alaska's early history; and**

**7 WHEREAS her tireless efforts on behalf of civil rights for all Alaskans included a passionate**  
**8 but dignified address to the Alaska Territorial Senate immediately before it voted in 1945 on a civil**  
**9 rights bill to prohibit discrimination against Natives in housing, retail establishments, and other public**  
**10 accommodations; and**

**11 WHEREAS her refusal to be silent in the face of injustice helped all Alaskans to see the reality**  
**12 of discrimination and its devastating effect on those who were discriminated against; and**

**13 WHEREAS she symbolizes the crucial role that the public plays in the legislative process;**

**14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the public gallery of the chambers of**  
**15 the House of Representatives that is now known as Gallery B is dedicated to Elizabeth Wanamaker**  
**16 Peratrovich, whose life stands in testimony to us that a single person, speaking from the heart, can**

**1 significantly and positively affect the future of all Alaskans.**