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SPONSOR STATEMENT HCR 7

This resolution awards the Alaska Decoration of Honor to thirty individuals who were killed in the line of duty while honorably serving our state and country, between January 1, 2009 and February 15, 2011.

Established in 2007 in House Bill 244, the Alaska Decoration of Honor is awarded to military service members from Alaska, or those service members deployed while stationed in Alaska, who were killed in action or in support of combat action.

The Legislature must authorize the award by resolution, so the decoration can be presented to the recipients' survivors. In 2008, the Legislature awarded the medal to 171 individuals dating back to statehood. In 2009, it authorized the award for another six individuals.

Passage of HCR 7 will allow the families of these thirty individuals to receive the decoration in honor of their loved ones' sacrifice. While it is our fervent hope that all those in uniform will return home from their service safely, the reality is that a few will not. It is our obligation, and our privilege, to authorize this decoration in their honor.

I respectfully request favorable support of House Concurrent Resolution 7.

Thank you.

FISCAL NOTE

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 Title "Relating to Awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor..." Appropriation Legislative Council
 Allocation Session Expenses
 Sponsor Representative Saddler
 Requester House Special Committee on M&VA OMB Component Number 782

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version

Initial Version

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Analysis

This fiscal note has zero impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.



Alaska Decoration of Honor

The Alaska Decoration of Honor was created to recognize Alaskan service members who have been killed in action or in support of combat. The medal is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of Alaska to show our gratitude to the families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in serving our state and nation.

Jon Van Zyle, a local and nationally renowned artist and Vietnam veteran, donated his time and talents in designing the Alaska Decoration of Honor medal. His design (shown on front cover) has many symbolic elements:

Raven - is symbolic of life and is important in all Alaska Native cultures. The raven, which lives in Alaska year round, is shown in the shape of a cross to signify faith.

Northern Lights - represents of the souls of the departed

North Star - represents Alaska

Forget-me-not - is Alaska's state flower and was chosen for the term "forget-me-not"

Circle design - indicates "never ending"

It was Mr. Van Zyle's hope that when the families of these soldiers look up in the sky and see a raven, the Northern Lights, or the North Star, they will be reminded of their loved one.