

honor of the memory of the late Senator Gunnard M. Engebret; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to have suitably engrossed copies of this Resolution prepared and forwarded to Violet M. Engebret, wife of the late Honorable Gunnard M. Engebret, 430 Crescent Avenue, River Falls, Wisconsin, and to Arthur Engebret brother, Anchorage, Alaska.

Passed by the Senate March 23, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1953.

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska, does not have a school or a school building; and

WHEREAS, the course of study, teaching methods, and organization of the Territorial schools are primarily set up for children of families at least partially assimilated into the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Census of 1950 revealed the existence of a group of sixty-six nomadic Eskimos, including thirty children of school age, who spend the summers at Anaktuvuk Pass in order that these Eskimo children may qualify for educational benefits available to them under existing Territorial law when and if a suitable school building is provided for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is operated under rules and regulations of the Territorial Board of Education and could only establish a special school if there was a building owned for the purpose by the community, or some person, until the school proved itself to be a permanent school with an en-

rollment of more than 15 pupils attending more than 140 school days in any one year, and no such assurance can be made so long as no suitable building exists and the people migrate following the caribou after staying three or four months every year at this location; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska cannot establish a school for the children at Anaktuvuk Pass at the present time because Territorial law reads that its jurisdiction is limited to schools for white and colored children and children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life; and

WHEREAS, these Eskimos have no association with modern civilization, with the exception of scientific parties and an occasional bush pilot and only two men, Simon Pancak and Homer Nekiana, can speak any English; and

WHEREAS, these American citizens at Anaktuvuk Pass are increasingly aware of the fact that their former way of life is disappearing and are eager that their thirty or more children learn to read and write and be able to meet the challenge of adapting themselves to the modern American way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this matter be respectfully brought to the attention of the Honorable Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Alaska Native Service and the Territorial Commissioner of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be mailed to the above-mentioned.

Passed by the Senate March 26, 1953.

Approved by the Governor, March 30, 1953.