

WHEREAS the central location of Anchorage, its ready accessibility by air from all parts of the globe, its many fine restaurants, hotels, and inns, and its excellent winter climate all recommend it as a place eminently suited as a center for winter sporting competitions; and

WHEREAS it would be enormously beneficial to the future development of the state to focus the attention of the world on the enormous skiing potential found in the state; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Travel Division of the Department of Economic Development and Planning is urged to take every possible action to ensure that maximum consideration is given by the authorities responsible for choosing the location of the Winter Olympics to holding them at Mt. Alyeska, Alaska.

Passed by the House March 12, 1964.

Passed by the Senate March 21, 1964.

SCS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Relating to construction of a local service road in the area east of the Glenn Highway near the city of Palmer.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS an acute need and ample justification exists for the construction of an all-weather, all-year local service road in the area east of the Glenn Highway near the city of Palmer, being the area and proposed road described specifically in a petition of residents dated January 5, 1964, and transmitted to the Department of Highways; and

WHEREAS the residents along the route of the proposed road have for many years endured the hardships and hazards caused by the lack of a service road and have on three previous occasions sought relief from the state or territory without success; and

WHEREAS the lack of a service road in the area poses a special peril to school children, often makes it impossible or extremely difficult for these children to meet school buses, and greatly complicates medical and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS residents of the area have

invested years of effort and many thousands of dollars in seeking to build a future for themselves and their families there; and

WHEREAS the area is one of the most rapidly growing around the city of Palmer and the proposed service road, in addition to providing access to properties already developed, would promote improvement of many additional home and farm lands; and

WHEREAS the population density along the route of the proposed road is over 30 people per square mile, which is far greater than that of most areas now receiving service roads; and

WHEREAS a road of some two miles in length is required and residents are unable to furnish it from their own efforts and resources;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Highways is urged to take all possible action to provide an all-weather, all-year local service road in the area east of the Glenn Highway near the city of Palmer as requested in the petition of residents of January 24, 1964, transmitted to the Department of Highways.

Passed by the House April 12, 1964.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Requesting the completion of a study on a "free port" law for Alaska.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring.

WHEREAS the State of Nevada has a "free port" law which provides that any goods, wares, or merchandise consigned to a warehouse in that state from outside the state for storage in transit to a final

destination outside the state is not subject to taxation in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS the Nevada "free port" law has been of immense economic benefit to that state and has the endorsement of business and labor as a vital factor in that state's growing economy; and

WHEREAS the subject of a "free port" law for Alaska has been under study by the Institute of Research in Business, Economics and Government at the University of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska is requested to direct the Institute of Research in Business, Economics and Government to complete its study of the merits, feasibility, and administrative and legislative action required to inaugurate a "free port" system for Alaska and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature at the earliest possible time.

Passed by the House March 19, 1964.

Passed by the Senate March 23, 1964.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Honoring the memory of Technical Sergeant Kenneth W. Ayers, late Flight Mechanic of the Alaska Air National Guard.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS, while the Legislature was in recess, Technical Sergeant Kenneth W. Ayers was killed in the performance of his duty aboard an aircraft participating in the recovery and reconstruction effort following the earthquake of March 27, when the aircraft crashed in the sea; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Ayers was a diligent and skillful flight mechanic who engendered a strong liking and respect in those Guardsmen who had an opportunity to know and work with him since he joined the Air National Guard only a little over a year before his death; and

WHEREAS he had served his country well for many years on active duty with the Air Force, earning a Good Conduct

Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award with an Oak Leaf Cluster, and had thereafter brought his knowledge and abilities to the service of the state; and

WHEREAS it is upon men of the high caliber and dedication of Sergeant Ayers that Alaska chiefly relies in maintaining the excellence of its National Guard; and

WHEREAS, not only the National Guard, but all the people of the state, will long regret the tragic accident in which Sergeant Ayers died, and remember that it was in their service that he did so;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature extends its expression of its great esteem for the late Technical Sergeant Kenneth W. Ayers, its deep sorrow at his passing, and its sincerest condolences to his brother, his wife Nattie Joe Ayers, and his three children.

Passed by the House May 28, 1964.

Passed by the Senate May 28, 1964.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Honoring the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Norris, late Operations Staff Officer of the Alaska Air National Guard.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS, during the legislative recess, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Nor-

ris, Operations Staff Officer of the Alaska Air National Guard, lost his life in an aircraft accident while engaged in duties pertaining to the reconstruction of the state after the earthquake disaster; and

WHEREAS Colonel Norris was a distinguished officer admired and respected by all who knew him; and