

development of agriculture; and

WHEREAS these economic and development factors are of vital concern in Alaska where the availability of stable markets for agricultural produce is limited; and

WHEREAS the central purchasing system of the Air Force in Alaska, in effect, deprives producers of potatoes north of the Alaska Range of reasonable access to the market provided by the several military installations in their immediate area because the potatoes must be shipped south to Elmendorf Air Force Base and then back to the installations in the area in which the potatoes are produced; and

WHEREAS this system of contracting and purchasing involves unnecessary expense; and

WHEREAS local farms are equipped to deliver directly to the installations ordering weekly supplies of potatoes and thereby are able to effect a great economy to the government; and

WHEREAS time is of essence to the local producer who must order fertilizer and plan and make other arrangements for the coming season's crop;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Defense is urged to revise its contracting and purchasing procedure regarding locally produced agricultural produce so as to allow for direct purchase and delivery arrangements by each installation with the local producer or to allow the central purchasing office and commissary to contract for the purchase and delivery from and by the local producer directly to the receiving installation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert; Secretary of the Air Force; the Commander, Alaskan Command; the Commander, Alaska Air Command; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 7, 1964.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to the designation of a Prospector of the Year.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS discoveries made by Alaskan prospectors have yielded mineral wealth with a present-day value of one and a half billion dollars and have led to the building of roads, railroads, towns, and cities, including the Capital City of Juneau; and

WHEREAS the prospector, through his courage, perseverance, and defiance of hardship, has become the unique symbol

of Alaskan development and romance; and

WHEREAS the recently announced discovery of a major mine in the wilderness of Northwestern Alaska proves that undiscovered mineral wealth remains to reward the diligent prospector;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Senate hereby officially designate Rhinehard Berg the Prospector of the Year for 1964 in recognition of his discovery and his long devotion to the best traditions of the Alaskan prospector.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1964.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to the late Boyd Harwood of Nome.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS death has taken one of

Alaska's most productive citizens, the Honorable Boyd Harwood of Nome; and

WHEREAS Boyd Harwood was a devoted humanitarian and a fine example of the true civic leader; and