

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

WHEREAS, beyond his local civic service, Boyd Harwood served the state as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, the Board of Pharmacy, and the Advisory Board to the Commander of the Alaskan Air Command;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate does hereby honor the memory of the late Boyd Harwood as a dedicated and public-spirited citizen of Alaska and express to his wife Mildred and the other members of his family its sincerest condolences on their loss.

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1964.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Relating to increased teacher retirement benefits for retired teachers living in Alaska.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS, under the Public Employees Retirement System of Alaska (AS 39.35), retired public employees who live in Alaska are entitled to a greater retirement benefit than retired public employees who leave the state, the greater benefit being a reflection of higher costs of living in the state; and

WHEREAS retired teachers living in Alaska have no similar benefit differential under the Teachers' Retirement Act (AS 14.25); and

WHEREAS in the interest of permitting retired teachers to be able to afford to remain in the state, the same increased benefit should be afforded retired teachers, if the financial condition of the Teachers' Retirement Fund will permit it;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Administration to make an analysis of the cost of providing to retired teachers who reside in Alaska a higher benefit similar to the benefit allowed retired public employees who remain in the state, and to report to the Legislature in January of 1965 on the feasibility of providing this benefit.

Passed by the Senate February 15, 1964.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to the use of atomic energy for a project at Spiridon Lake.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS, the peaceful uses of atomic energy have not been exploited; and

WHEREAS the Atomic Energy Commission, through its Division of Peaceful Nuclear Explosives and the Atoms for Peace Program, is seeking meaningful projects for the peaceful and productive uses of atomic energy; and

WHEREAS a modest project at Spiridon Lake on Kodiak Island to give that body of water access to the sea in order to make it a spawning ground for anadromous fish would be in keeping with the purposes of the Atoms for Peace program and provide the Nation and the

world with an example of the peaceful uses of atomic energy and benefit the State of Alaska by increasing its natural facilities for the propagation of its valuable fishery resource;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Atomic Energy Commission is requested to plan and execute an atomic energy project at Spiridon Lake on Kodiak Island to close the Spiridon River outlet for the lake and allow it to drain into Little River in order to make its waters accessible to and suitable for the propagation of anadromous fish; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the