

WHEREAS the many individuals involved in the rescue effort performed selflessly and in many cases were exposed to danger and hardship; and

WHEREAS these rescue workers are deserving of recognition for their meritorious service;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives commends the following persons and groups for their efforts in the rescue operation: the Ketchikan Vol-

unteer Rescue Squad, the air taxi operators, the scheduled airline operators, the private pilots, the United States Coast Guard air detachment and floating units attached to the Ketchikan operating base, the personnel of the state ferry vessel "Taku" which was sent at the request of Governor Egan, the members of the Ketchikan Medical Association, and the other volunteers too numerous to mention, who participated in the Granduc mine rescue effort.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Requesting the appointment of an Alaskan as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS at least one-fifth of the lands owned by the United States and administered by the Department of the Interior are located within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS no Alaskan holds a position of authority under the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS the position of Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management is now open for appointment and one or more eminently qualified Alaskans have been mentioned for that appointment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior are urged to appoint a qualified Alaskan, knowledgeable of all Alaska, as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management to assist on policy determinations for the administration of the vast resources of Alaska and the Nation; 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 Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Authorizing the members of each House standing committee to meet as subcommittees between sessions in their local areas.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS each House standing committee has before it numerous bills of interest which cannot be dealt with effectively during the present session; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the members of the committees to have the authority from the House to meet in their home localities between sessions and sit as subcommittees of the parent committees to hear their constituents and interested

persons on the many bills of public interest now before the committees; and

WHEREAS the members of each House standing committee find that this interim activity would be in line with their duty as legislators and members of standing committees and they do not ask or expect to receive additional compensation for this interim activity;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives by the adoption of this resolution authorizes the members of each House standing committee to sit as subcommittees in their home localities between the First and Second Sessions of the Fourth Legislature to hear the public on bills now before these committees.