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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

Honoring the late Archie P. McLane and Allan L. Petersen.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the members of the Alaska House of Representatives that two outstanding Alaskan pioneers, Archie P. McLane and Allan L. Petersen, brothers-in-law by virtue of having married sisters, Enid and Jetret Stryker, and who were both long-time residents of the Kenai area and Alaska residents for well over 50 years, reached the "end of the trail" on September 22 and May 4, 1969; and

WHEREAS Archie P. McLane, in the employ of the Alaska Railroad until 1917, walked from Anchorage to Seward in order to enlist in the United States Army, and following his service in Europe, returned to the Kasilof area near Kenai where he became one of the original homesteaders in that area, experimenting in silver fox farming but directing the bulk of his efforts toward developing a special strain of seed potatoes suitable for Alaska soil and climate, the development of which gained him fame in agricultural circles in the state; and

WHEREAS Allan L. Petersen was a surveyor for the Alaska Railroad when he came to Alaska in 1915, then operated a store at Seldovia following his service in the Army in World War I, and later served as Deputy United States Marshal for nearly 20 years at Unga and Kenai; and

WHEREAS Allan L. Petersen served as a distinguished member of the First Alaska Legislature in 1959 and 1960, and he also was .

former Commander of American Legion Post No. 10, as well as participating as an active member of numerous fraternal and community organizations; and

WHEREAS the surviving widows of these two distinguished Alaskan pioneers, Mrs. Enid McLane and Mrs. Jetret Petersen, have both faithfully served Alaska as school teachers for over 25 years, and have, along with their husbands, contributed greatly to the building of the state through their consistent and generous services on behalf of their fellow Alaskans;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution, in honor of their memory, serve as an expression of high regard and sincere esteem for the dedicated and faithful service rendered by Archie P. McLane and Allan L. Petersen, who both participated with other Alaskan pioneers in the building of a great "Last Frontier",

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the surviving widows, Mrs. Enid McLane and Mrs. Jetret Petersen; to Mr. Stanley McLane, Mrs. Jettie Van Sindern and Mrs. Joan Lahndt, the son and daughters of Archie P. McLane; and to Mrs. James Arness, daughter of Allan L. Petersen.