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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Commending the 1st Scout Battalion of the Alaska National Guard.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the scout battalions of the Alaska National Guard continue to be the nucleus of our armed forces in Alaska; and

WHEREAS countless heroic rescue missions have been performed by these units, many without acknowledgment and notice by the general public; and

WHEREAS, on the 23rd of December 1970, one Nate Olemaun, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, became storm bound and was lost on the North Slope; and

WHEREAS upon receiving a report that this man was overdue, Company D and Company E of the 1st Scout Battalion from Barrow and Wainwright respectively launched what proved to be the longest search on record and which entailed many sacrifices and hardships for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS on or about the 20th of January the body of Mr. Olemaun was found under four feet of snow approximately 70 miles from Barrow;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate commends the men of the Alaska National Guard and all others involved for their valor and perseverance, in the face of great odds, in short: for another job well done.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska and Commander in Chief of the Alaska National Guard; Major General William S. Elmore, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard; Major John W. Schaeffer, Battalion Commander

of the 1st Scout Battalion; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.