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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

Honoring Gerritt "Heinie" Snider.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS Gerritt "Heinie" Snider, one of Alaska's most famous and most picturesque pioneers, who was often referred to as the "flying Dutchman" and the "wildcat from Wasilla" recently passed away; and

WHEREAS Heinie's death has brought to a close an unequalled career of service in innumerable areas by a man who symbolized the Alaskan way of life; and

WHEREAS Heinie served in both the Territorial Senate and House with distinction, and, in addition, was a mink rancher and a potato farmer, and was active in truckdriving and railroading during his career, in radio and as an author; and

WHEREAS he was known throughout the state by hundreds of friends who were fortunate enough to experience his ever-ready humor and as a raconteur he had few equals; and

WHEREAS he maintained an active interest in both domestic and international events and issues all of his life; and

WHEREAS, as an example of his interest in and concern for all Alaskans, he donated in 1965 a portion of his homestead to the Pioneers of Alaska for use as a park and recreation facility;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it laments the passing of Gerritt "Heinie" Snider, but proclaims its belief that few men have ever exemplified those sparks of courage, adventure

and selflessness which characterized Heinie Snider.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Alice J. Snider, his wife; to Mrs. Elwin Hjellen, Mrs. Lloyd Short, and Mrs. C. W. Betts, his daughters; and to Mrs. Jacob Gootheer, Mrs. Joe deVries, Mrs. Michiel Deckker, and Mrs. Jan deMoes, his sisters.