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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Mourning the death of Lyndon Baines Johnson.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS on January 22, 1973 the last living former President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson, passed away; and

WHEREAS Lyndon Johnson was one of America's greatest public servants, rising from simple Texas roots to the White House; and

WHEREAS during his distinguished public career he served variously as school teacher, secretary to a Texas congressman, state director of the National Youth Administration, United States Congressman from the 75th to the 80th Congress, United States Senator from 1949 to 1961, minority leader in the 83rd Congress and majority leader in the 84th through 86th Congresses, Vice-President under John F. Kennedy, and finally reaching the pinnacle of his career as 36th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, as the first southerner since Andrew Johnson to hold the Presidency, Lyndon Baines Johnson was highly successful in getting Congress to approve many of the social programs of his predecessor, John Kennedy; however, his own domestic program which he termed the "Great Society" truly showed the breadth of his compassion and the depth of his wisdom; and

WHEREAS his accomplishments in and his dedication to the fields of civil rights, social security, education and housing were highly praised while he was in office and will imbue his memory with greatness and honor; and

WHEREAS it can be truly said of Lyndon Baines Johnson that seldom in the fabric of American history has one man done so much for so many of his fellow Americans;

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Eighth Alaska Legislature that this Resolution serve as an expression of grief at the passing of former President Lyndon Baines Johnson and as a token of sympathy and affection for his wife, Lady Bird, and their children.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson; to Mrs. Lynda Bird Robb; and to Mrs. Luci Baines Nugent.