



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Paying tribute to the memory of Josephine M. McPhetres.

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**BE IT RESOLVED**

**BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

WHEREAS the members of the Alaska Legislature are deeply grieved by the death of one of the state's most beloved citizens, Mrs. Josephine M. McPhetres; and

WHEREAS, born March 27, 1918, in Rock Springs, Wyoming, she completed high school in Durango, Colorado in 1934; there, she worked for the Farm Security Administration and married the Reverend Samuel McPhetres; her next home was Junction City, Kansas, where she was an employee of the Office of Price Administration until 1948 when she and her husband came to Alaska; and

WHEREAS from 1949 until 1960, in addition to employment with the Bureau of Land Management, she also served as parish secretary for the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Juneau where her late husband, Sam, was the popular and warmly regarded rector; and

WHEREAS, in April 1960, she was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska, a post she held for 14 years until her passing June 16, 1974; and

WHEREAS Jo McPhetres was greatly respected and admired by both her staff and her superiors; she was deeply interested in the lives of others and a devoted friend to many;

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Alaska State Legislature that in expressing their sorrow at the loss of Josephine M. McPhetres, they do so recalling her devotion as a mother,

churchwoman and friend as well as her unswerving loyalty and service to Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to her children: Samuel A. McPhetres of Saipan, Dr. David McPhetres of Monroe, Washington, Stephen McPhetres of Haines, and Johanna Smith of Juneau.