



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Honoring Don Sheldon.

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

WHEREAS Don Sheldon, veteran Alaskan bush pilot, whose heroic rescues, mercy missions, and glacier landings made him famous the world over, has met an untimely death; and

WHEREAS for more than 30 years he achieved in fact what most only hope for in dreams; and

WHEREAS, an Alaskan since 1938, he began flying in the early forties and in his early career flew 26 missions during World War II; and

WHEREAS among his more legendary exploits, were rescue missions in the Devil's Canyon in the late fifties and the rescue of the John Day party on Mt. McKinley in 1957 when he landed his plane at an elevation of 14,000 feet; and

WHEREAS his life style epitomized that of the "true Alaskan," always being characterized by a sense of adventure which he conveyed to others and yet he was known as a man possessed always of good humor and concerned about the well-being of his fellow men; and

WHEREAS Alaskans everywhere are saddened by his untimely departure from their ranks;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth State Legislature that it conveys its most heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Don Sheldon but expresses the members' collective belief that the memory of him

will remain forever in the hearts of his fellow Alaskans and his innumerable friends throughout the world.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his wife, Roberta, and to his children, Robert, Holly, and Kate Sheldon.