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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Paying tribute to the memory of Walter E. Guess.

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

WHEREAS the members of the Ninth Alaska Legislature are deeply grieved to learn of the passing of one of their former premier colleagues, Gene Guess, of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS Gene served continuously in the legislature from 1965 to 1972 in almost every capacity possible, culminating with his elevation to Speaker of the House during the Seventh State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, even after his retirement from the legislature to run for higher office, he remained active in all matters affecting the state and its people; and

WHEREAS Gene was respected by both parties, and all factions of each, throughout his tenure as one of the most competent and knowledgeable statesmen to have ever served the public of his adopted state; and

WHEREAS his legislative proposals were some of the most imaginative and innovative measures put forth to solve the ever-increasing problems of the state during a period of rapid development; and

WHEREAS Alaskans throughout the state and all Alaskan communities are today and will continue for generations to come to enjoy the benefits accomplished by Gene in proposing and successfully having passed such, at the time, innovative measures and concepts such as revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS as a leader Gene was unsurpassed, tough, intelligent, yet fair to the nth degree, having a thorough grasp of the myriad problems confronting the state as well as being understanding and compassionate when it came to dealing with human frailties;

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Alaska State Legislature that as they convey to his family their sorrow and sense of loss of an esteemed colleague, they do so by acknowledging the many significant contributions Walter E. Guess made to the orderly development of Alaska and the many humanitarian concepts he advocated to enhance the welfare of all Alaskans; the stilling of his voice that invariably cried out on matters of concern to the state and its people will make the task of legislating at this session and at future sessions that much more difficult, for we, as friends and colleagues, will miss his wise counsel and guidance.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his widow, Carolyn; to Carl, John, and Philip, his sons; and to Gretchen, his daughter.