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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 154

Congratulating Marj Huizer on the occasion of her "retirement".

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

WHEREAS there is circulating among us a monstrous rumor of the impending retirement of Marj Huizer from the post of Legal Editor for the Legal Services Division of the Legislative Affairs Agency; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Huizer has been a member of the legislative staff virtually since the organization of the Legislative Council in 1953, having arrived in these hallowed halls from the staff of the territorial Attorney General; as such, she is the senior member of the permanent professional staff of the Alaska State Legislature; and

WHEREAS during the intervening years she has guided, counseled, and advised the legislature and its staff on the language, style and format of legislative measures: woe unto the legal counsel who submits a draft bill or resolution and who, in the preparation thereof, has failed to consult and adhere to the Legislative Drafting Manual, a "Bible" whose maintenance in large measure has been influenced by the meticulous Marj; as a result she is the preeminent authority on the style and format of the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska Constitution; and

WHEREAS in the hours and days when she is not scrutinizing draft legislation and correcting our manifold errors in style and draftsmanship, or indexing the subject matter of the numerous bills and resolutions introduced each legislative session, Marj Huizer can be found gardening at her Fritz Cove Road home; or granola-making or lemon cake-baking, at which she is also expert; or, with her devoted husband, Ed, upon the navigable waters of

this state, canoeing along some meandering stream or out upon a peaceful lake;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Alaska State Legislature, as well as the members of the entire staff of the Legislative Affairs Agency, look upon the rumored "retirement" of Marj Huizer with mixed emotions -- such as dismay, if not horror, for there well may be chaos in the preparation of bills and resolutions without her expert knowledge of legislative style and the consummate care and skill with which she has long edited the reams of legislative drafts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that in adopting this resolution the members of the legislature, joined by its staff, hope to dissuade Marj Huizer from contemplating retirement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that, nevertheless, whatever her decision with respect to retirement, the members of the Alaska State Legislature extend to Marj and Ed their warmest best wishes as they spend the years ahead "doing their own thing" without a thought as to the potentially disastrous situation she may have created by her retirement as Legal Editor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of and appreciation for her contribution to the State of Alaska in her role as Legal Editor for the Legislative Affairs Agency, in which capacity she has preserved and maintained the integrity of the language, style and form of the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska Constitution, Marj Huizer is hereby designated Revisor of Statutes, Emeritus.

A COPY of this resolution shall be presented to Mrs. Marj Huizer.