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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

Paying tribute to the memory of a distinguished Alaskan, the late George A. Lingo.

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

The members of the Alaska State Legislature are saddened to learn of the death May 21, 1976 of George A. Lingo.

George Lingo was born in Anaconda, Montana, in 1901 and came to Alaska in 1915. He started attending the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines in 1922, the first year they opened, and received his degree in mining engineering from the school of mines in 1927.

In 1932 George was elected to the Territorial Legislature from Fairbanks. He was at that time, at the age of 31, the youngest ever elected to the House and the first University of Alaska graduate to hold public office. He was reelected in 1934 and served as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He introduced the bill in 1935 that changed the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines into the University of Alaska.

In 1934 George was appointed to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska of which he was a member until 1943. In 1935 he married Governor Troy's daughter, Dorothy, and they moved to Anchorage where he served as manager of the land office.

In 1941, shortly before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, George enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to Naval Intelligence in Sitka. He retired from the Navy at the end of World War II in 1945 as a commander and moved back to Anchorage.

George Lingo was a pioneer Alaskan in the true sense of the word. His many activities included being a registered guide,

working on a tugboat in Southeastern Alaska, traveling by dog sled in Interior Alaska, mining for gold all over Alaska, and building the first golf course in Anchorage.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Alaska State Legislature, along with the people of Alaska, would like to pause and pay tribute to the memory of a distinguished Alaskan, George A. Lingo, and extend our most heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his widow, Dorothy Troy Lingo; his daughter, Joan Lingo Moore; and his grandsons, John and Michael Farleigh.