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Honoring the memory of Emery F. Tobin

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

WHEREAS Emery F. Tobin, founder of THE ALASKA SPORTSMAN magazine, church and civic leader, and long-time Ketchikan resident, is dead at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS Mr. Tobin, a native of Quincy, Massachusetts, worked as a reporter in Quincy and in Ketchikan before forming a corporation to start THE ALASKA SPORTSMAN magazine in 1935 at Ketchikan; and

WHEREAS by the time Mr. Tobin sold the magazine, renamed the ALASKA MAGAZINE in 1958, it had attained a circulation of 100,000 subscribers and brilliantly portrayed life "on the last frontier" of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in the years since, the magazine Mr. Tobin founded has continued to develop and is a fine memorial to Mr. Tobin's life; and

WHEREAS in later years Emery and Clara Tobin operated a bookstore and gift shop in Ketchikan until moving to Vancouver, Washington, where he retired 10 years ago; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his other activities, Mr. Tobin helped make the world aware of the lore of Alaska through his contribution of 84 items to "Ripley's Believe It or Not" column;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it pauses in its deliberations to recognize the contributions of Emery F. Tobin to Alaska and extends its sincerest condolences to his wife, Clara; his daughter, Doris Bordine; his grandchildren, Carol, Norman, and Janet; and his sister, Florence Thornton, on the occasion of their loss.