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Creating a Senate Special Committee to commemorate William A. Egan's career of public service to Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS William A. Egan dedicated his life to serving Alaska and its people, and in the process achieved a record unmatched by any Alaskan: Territorial House of Representatives (1941-1943, 1947-1951), author of Statehood Referendum Act (1941), Army of the United States (1943-1946), Mayor of Valdez (1946), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1951), Territorial Senator (1953-1956), elected delegate to and president of the Alaska Constitutional Convention (1955-1956), Alaska Tennessee Plan United States Senator (1956-1958), Governor of Alaska (1959-1966, 1971-1974), Alaskan of the Year (1971), and Honorary LLD University of Alaska (1972); and

WHEREAS Governor Egan died May 6, 1984, leaving behind a legacy of high standards of public service and exemplified excellence in Alaska government, combined with the humanity and humility of a true servant of the people; and

WHEREAS his efforts improved public understanding of and more effective public participation in Alaska government and public affairs, both through the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS it would be in the public interest to promote the kinds of attitudes and talents reflected by Bill Egan; and

WHEREAS it is important to Alaska's future to preserve a full record of Bill Egan's public service and of the times in which he served the territory and the state of Alaska, both as a public official and a private citizen; and

WHEREAS an educational program focusing on Alaska state and local government and stimulating a statewide perspective in

undergraduate and graduate research and training in public policy issues and service would be a lasting tribute to the man who contributed more than anyone to promote the aspirations of all Alaskans;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Senate that a Senate Special Committee to commemorate William A. Egan is established to:

(1) initiate a program to collect and conserve the records and memories of Governor Egan's historic role in Alaska's development, including actual collection of materials;

(2) investigate the desirability, feasibility, and benefits of creating a William A. Egan School of Public Affairs; including recommendations for the organization and institutional arrangements of such a school and a schedule of actions and costs necessary to establish and operate the school;

(3) investigate and delineate other appropriate commemoration of William A. Egan, including the commissioning of a statue to be placed in the state capital, a bust to be located in the William A. Egan Center in Anchorage, and other appropriate memorials;

(4) take other actions appropriate to carry out the purposes of this resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be made up of three to five members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, and that this membership must include both majority and minority members; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee chairperson, designated by the Senate President, may appoint staff, establish advisors, and obtain consultant services within the limits of funds available; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by February 1, 1985, and the committee shall terminate on January 1, 1987.