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Dedicating Gallery B of the Chambers of the Alaska House of Representatives to Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich (1911 - 1958) was an important Alaska civil rights activist and a past president of the Alaska Native Sisterhood who battled the discrimination that existed against Natives in Alaska's early history; and

WHEREAS her tireless efforts on behalf of civil rights for all Alaskans included a passionate but dignified address to the Alaska Territorial Senate immediately before it voted in 1945 on a civil rights bill to prohibit discrimination against Natives in housing, retail establishments, and other public accommodations; and

WHEREAS her refusal to be silent in the face of injustice helped all Alaskans to see the reality of discrimination and its devastating effect on those who were discriminated against; and

WHEREAS she symbolizes the crucial role that the public plays in the legislative process;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the public gallery of the

chambers of the House of Representatives that is now known as Gallery B is dedicated to Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich, whose life stands in testimony to us that a single person, speaking from the heart, can significantly and positively affect the future of all Alaskans.