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Naming the Poet Laureate of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS literary expression in the form of poetry is a pursuit that reaches and enriches human beings in all walks of life and circumstances; and

WHEREAS poets laureate have been recognized by the state since 1963; and

WHEREAS the term of the current Poet Laureate of Alaska, Joanne Townsend, expired last year; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Council on the Arts has nominated Thomas Sexton for a two-year term as Poet Laureate of Alaska; and

WHEREAS Thomas Sexton was selected unanimously by an Alaska State Council on the Arts committee composed of the Council's Literature Panel and the living Poets Laureate of Alaska; and

WHEREAS Thomas Sexton has a distinguished record as a teacher, poet, and state citizen; and

WHEREAS Thomas Sexton received his Master's Degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1970, taught for 24 years at the University of Alaska Anchorage, and retired last year; and

WHEREAS Thomas Sexton was honored with the title, Emeritus Professor of English, by the University of Alaska Anchorage when he retired; and

WHEREAS Thomas Sexton has written four books of prose and poetry, his poetry has been published widely in journals across the United States and has been included in four anthologies, and he has won several awards and honors; and

WHEREAS Thomas Sexton has contributed generously of his time and talents to public service;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature names Thomas Sexton the Poet Laureate of Alaska for a term of two years.