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Establishing YUKLA 27 Remembrance Day.

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

WHEREAS 24 American and Canadian airmen perished in the crash of an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) plane shortly after taking off from Elmendorf Air Force Base on September 22, 1995; and

WHEREAS the crew members who perished were Lieutenant Colonel Richard G. Leary, U.S.A.F., Navigator; Major Richard Patrick Stewart II, U.S.A.F., Mission Crew Commander; Major Marlon R. Thomas, U.S.A.F., Mission Crew Commander; Major Steven A. Tuttle, U.S.A.F., Airborne Surveillance Officer; Captain Glenn J. "Skip" Rogers, U.S.A.F., Aircraft Commander; Captain Robert J. Long, U.S.A.F., Senior Director; Captain Bradley W. Paakola, U.S.A.F., Pilot; First Lieutenant Carlos A. Arriaga, U.S.A.F., Weapons Director; Master Sergeant Stephen C. O'Connell, U.S.A.F., Advanced Air Surveillance Technician; Technical Sergeant Bart L. Holmes, U.S.A.F., Flight Engineer; Technical Sergeant Ernest R. Parrish, U.S.A.F., Area Specialist; Sergeant David L. Pitcher, C.A.F., Battle Director Technician; Technical Sergeant Charles D. Sweet, Jr., U.S.A.F., Airborne Radar Technician; Technical Sergeant Brian K. Van Leer, U.S.A.F., Advanced Air Surveillance Technician; Technical Sergeant Mark A. Bramer, U.S.A.F., Flight Engineer; Technical Sergeant Timothy B. Thomas, U.S.A.F., Computer Display

Maintenance Technician; Technical Sergeant Mark A. Collins, U.S.A.F., Communications Systems Operator; Master Corporal J.-P. Legault, C.A.F., Communications Technician; Staff Sergeant Scott A. Bresson, U.S.A.F., Airborne Radar Technician; Staff Sergeant Raymond O. Spencer, Jr., U.S.A.F., Airborne Surveillance Technician; Senior Airman Joshua N. Weter, U.S.A.F., Computer Display Maintenance Technician; Senior Airman Lawrence E. Defrancesco, U.S.A.F., Communications Systems Operator; Airman Darien F. Watson, U.S.A.F., Airborne Surveillance Technician; and Airman Jeshua C. Smith, U.S.A.F., Airborne Surveillance Technician; and

WHEREAS the call sign of this tragic flight was YUKLA 27;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature establishes September 22 each year as YUKLA 27 Remembrance Day to commemorate the 24 airmen who perished in the AWACS crash on September 22, 1995; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the governor to issue a proclamation to commemorate YUKLA 27 Remembrance Day each year and urges the governor to direct that the Alaska flag be flown at half-mast on that day; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges civic groups and the public to observe the day by suitable observances and exercises.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable William J. Perry, U.S. Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Sheila E. Widnall, U.S. Secretary of the Air Force; General John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Ronald R. Fogelman, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General Lawrence Boese, U.S.A.F., Commander, 11th Air Force, Alaska Command, NORAD; and to the next of kin of the deceased airmen.