STATE OF ALASKA SENATE

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Dedicating a committee room in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building to former Senator William Beltz.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS, during his years of service to the state, Senator William Beltz set a standard for strong leadership and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS the standard established by Senator Beltz serves as a reminder and a goal for the state's public servants in striving to achieve the best Alaska for Alaskans; and

WHEREAS the exemplary accomplishments of Senator Beltz remain keenly felt and fondly remembered in the Senate and by the members of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Senate dedicated a Senate committee room to Senator Beltz; and

WHEREAS the William Beltz Committee Room in the Capitol has been converted to other uses; and

WHEREAS a new Senate committee room has been constructed in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate dedicates a new, larger, and more suitable

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committee room in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building to Senator William Beltz; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the plaque honoring Senator William Beltz that was installed in the William Beltz Committee Room in the Capitol be relocated to the new William Beltz Committee Room in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building, so that the following inscription can continue in his memory:

THE WILLIAM BELTZ COMMITTEE ROOM

The William Beltz Committee Room memorializes the dedication of William Beltz in serving the Territory and State of Alaska. William Beltz was born in Bear Creek, Alaska, in 1912. He served in the territorial House of Representatives from 1949 to 1950, in the territorial Senate from 1951 to 1958, and in the state Senate from 1959 to 1960, where he served as the first President of the state Senate. He was a carpenter and, in 1955, was elected President of the Alaska Council of Carpenters. A Native Alaskan, he felt a need for formal educational institutions in rural areas of Alaska. In recognition of his efforts to promote education in the state, a regional high school in Nome, the first of its kind in northern Alaska, was named the William E. Beltz High School.

A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the family of the Honorable William Beltz, former Alaska state senator.