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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2000-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING LARRY MEADER FOR HIS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Larry Meader, a 1995 graduate of the Alaska Center for the Blind, decided to give back part of what the Center gave to him by volunteering at the Center six hours a day, five days a week; and

WHEREAS, Larry focused his energy on the Center's Woodshop Program, receiving training from a blind cabinetmaker on the application of adaptive techniques when using power tools - he became so proficient and gained such confidence that he became a peer teacher for other students; and

WHEREAS, Larry has successfully and singlehandedly obtained donations of wood for the Woodshop Program and, if the lumber needed upgrading, he used a planer and joiner to transform old, discarded boards into fine, useful material; and

WHEREAS, Larry's calm and caring approach, and uplifting encouragement, have touched the lives of students as he demonstrates through the Woodshop Program that opportunities are available for persons who are visually impaired or blind - for example, students entered their work in the Fur Rendevous Craft Show competing against sighted artists - they garnered one Best of Show, four Blue Ribbons, and two Red Ribbons; and

WHEREAS, students of the Workshop Program craft products that have market value - many sell their work as quickly as they make it; and

WHEREAS, given his high level of commitment as a volunteer, Larry was recently awarded the First Lady's Volunteer Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

That the Assembly recognizes and honors

Larry Meader

for his volunteer efforts with the Woodshop Program at the Alaska Center for the Blind.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 25 day of . 2000.

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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