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Submitted by: Assemblymembers Abney, Clementson, Fairclough, Kendall,  
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For reading: DECEMBER 19, 2000

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2000-382

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND REMEMBERING ELMER E. RASMUSON

WHEREAS, Elmer Rasmuson started his career with the National Bank of Alaska (NBA) as a janitor and managed the Skagway branch at age 17; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rasmuson received a degree from Harvard and worked in New York City and Texas before returning to Alaska during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Mr. Rasmuson succeeded his father as president of NBA, and he later served as Chairman - retiring as Director Emeritus in 1989; during his tenure, NBA became the State's largest, most widespread and most influential bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rasmuson's expertise and contributions extended far beyond commercial banking, specifically he:

Served as Director, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, 1944-1946  
Served on the Anchorage City Council in 1945;  
Served as Chairman, Anchorage City Planning Commission, 1950-1953;  
Served as a University of Alaska Regent, 1950-1969, and President 1956-1969;  
Served as Swedish Consul for Alaska, 1955-1977 - Knighted by the King of Sweden in 1965;  
Served as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, 1959-1967 - Outstanding Civilian Service Medal;  
Served as Anchorage Mayor, 1964-1967;  
Served as Commissioner, International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, 1969-1984;  
Served as Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1976-1977;  
Named Alaska State Chamber "Man of the Year" in 1974;  
Served as first Chairman of the Alaska Permanent Fund, 1980-1982;  
Served as member of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, 1985-1992;  
Served as board member, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute, 1994-1997;  
Awarded "Denali Award" from the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1998;  
Served as Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Director;  
Served as President of the Alaska Bankers Association and Alaska Council-Boy Scouts of America;  
Served as Chairman, Rasmuson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rasmuson was a philanthropist, with contributions to higher education - particularly the University of Alaska - and to the Anchorage Museum of History and Art which stands in tribute to his generous giving and his resolve to make the Museum an institution filled with the treasures of the past, the present, and the future; and

WHEREAS, along with his wife, Mary Louise, Mr. Rasmuson was awarded the 2000 AAM Medal for Distinguished Philanthropy by the American Association of Museums; and

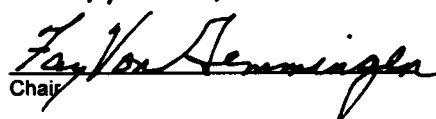
WHEREAS, Mr. Rasmuson passed away on December 1, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves to recognize and remember

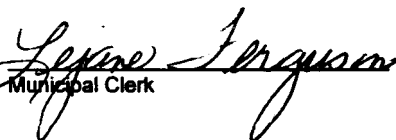
**Elmer E. Rasmuson**

for his lifelong dedication, service and contributions to Anchorage and the entire State of Alaska - he was a special man who left an indelible mark on every aspect of Alaska's business, social, educational and cultural activities.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

**Municipality of Anchorage  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

*AK 2000-382*

<b>1</b>	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED <b>12-18-00</b>
	<i>Recognizing &amp; Remembering Elmer E. Rasmuson</i>	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED  <b>AR</b>
<b>2</b>	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly <i>Assembly</i>	DIRECTOR'S NAME Fay Von Gemmingen
<b>3</b>	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 4751
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	Port of Anchorage	
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	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Municipal Manger	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
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	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
	Municipal Attorney	
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	Other	
<b>5</b>	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<i>7.C.3. For Action - Addendum</i>	
<b>6</b>	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <b>12-19-00</b>	<b>7</b>
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