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CLERK'S OFFICE **APPROVED**

Submitted by: Mayor Begich and Assemblymembers Fairclough, Kendall, Shamberg, Sullivan, Taylor, Tesche, Traini, Tremaine, Van Etten, Von Gemmingen, and Whittle

Prepared by: Office of the Mayor For reading: September 9, 2003

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2003-275

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2003, the United States of America began the liberation of Iraq from the regime of Saddam Hussein; and

WHEREAS, the government of Saddam Hussein posed a threat to the stability of the Middle East Region by attacking its neighbors and its own population, and by failing to comply with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441; and

WHEREAS, after the fall of the Iraqi Government, American troops and those from other Nations are engaged in establishing the security of the Iraqi people and rebuilding the Iraqi Nation; and

WHEREAS, men and women of these United States military and the Alaska National Guard traveled to a foreign country to fight for the continued freedom of our land and to liberate the people of Iraq from an oppressive regime; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans have always answered the Nation's call to service, as over 70,000 veterans live in the State of Alaska, and over 30,000 reside in the Municipality of Anchorage, one of the highest per capita rates in the country; and

WHEREAS, these men and women have left their families to defend American values and bring peace to a Nation that has only known decades of tyranny; and

WHEREAS, a brave few of these men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice and laid down their lives to protect the freedoms of these United States and liberate the people of Iraq.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and the Mayor resolves:

Section 1: That we, the citizens of Anchorage, Alaska, offer our sincere gratitude to these men and women in the United States Armed Forces and their families for their sacrifices to defend us, protect our freedom and that of the Iraqi people.

Section 2: That we, the citizens of Anchorage, Alaska offer our condolences to the families of these military men and women for the ultimate sacrifice their sons and daughters made in a foreign country in the performance of their duties.

Section 3: That we, the citizens of Anchorage, Alaska, remind these military personnel and their families that we will never forget and always cherish the sacrifices they made for the people of the United States.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _______day of ______

Chair

ATTEST: Bolan 5 Bound

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