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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2003-384

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING CLARA "BILLIE" LEWIS FOR HER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, Clara "Billie" Lewis began her employment on September 1, 1993 as the Executive Director of the Anchorage Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, in the ten year period that she has been at the helm, membership of the Center has increased from 1,800 to over 2,400 active seniors; and

WHEREAS, working with the expansion committee, she helped to spearhead the recent space addition to the Center which now totals 32,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Senior Center is considered to have a "State of the Art" physical fitness department serving more than 100 members per day; and

WHEREAS, she has worked with the Trustees of the Endowment Board to develop investment policy for the future growth of the Center and secured funding through a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to purchase a critically needed accounting system; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Anchorage Senior Center organized the "90-plus" Club which sponsors a monthly program for seniors in this age group with 72 active members on the roster, one of the largest per capita in the Country; and

WHEREAS, Billie Lewis has been an affordable housing advocate for seniors as a member of the Elder Services, Inc. Housing Board that has built housing units which include Chester Park, Muldoon Manor, Commodore Park Plaza, Jewel Lake Plaza, Russian Jack Manor, and others in the development stage that include the George Sullivan Manor in Downtown Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, she has been a fighter for all people who need public transportation as a member of the Transit Advisory Board for more than eight years; and

WHEREAS, after 10 years of service, Billie Lewis will retire on January 4, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

CLARA "BILLIE" LEWIS

is recognized for her 10 years of service to the Municipality of Anchorage and the citizens of Anchorage upon her retirement.

ATTEST:

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