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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND THANKING JAMES S. "GUS" GUSTAFSON FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, James S. "Gus" Gustafson began his service in 1974, before unification, with the Greater Anchorage Area Borough, as a Maintenance Man I in the Administration Department; and

WHEREAS, he progressed rapidly through successive assignments of increasing responsibility, becoming a Journeyman Mechanic in 1978 and Mechanic Leadman in 1983, culminating in his selection as Maintenance Supervisor in 1998; and

WHEREAS, in late 1991, he transferred to Fleet Service for a four-year stint as Journeyman Mechanic in the heavy equipment shop before transferring back to People Mover in early 1996; and

WHEREAS, he served as Shop Steward for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers from 1978-1991 and was recognized as a member of the Work Unit of the Year - Support in 1986; and

WHEREAS, he readily adapted to numerous, sweeping technological innovations in the transit bus maintenance field during his tenure, including electronic-controlled engines and transmissions, programmable logic-controlled electrical systems, computerized diagnostic, computerized maintenance management information systems, computerized inventory control systems, and sweeping changes in technology promulgated by the federal requirements in each new model year of bus; and

WHEREAS, the bus fleet composition changed over time, requiring him to master the unique requirements of sixteen different bus models from at least eight different manufacturers and to assimilate the knowledge required to maintain all of them in peak running order; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Public Transportation Department logged more than 60 million miles without any serious maintenance related equipment failures; and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully and loyally provided support services that have ensured daily access to safe, reliable public transportation that has served and benefited citizens and visitors to Anchorage, as well as members of the Department; and

WHEREAS, as an ex-Marine, he has been instrumental in planning and executing the Marine Corps Birthday Picnic every year since he completed his service obligation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes the many contributions and honors

JAMES S. "GUS" GUSTAFSON

for his more than 30 years of sustained dedicated service to the Municipality and the citizens of Anchorage.

Passed and approved by the Anchorage Assembly this 31st day of May, 2005.

Anna L. Fairclough
Chair

ATTEST:

Balmer S. Gumbert
Municipal Clerk

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