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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
CONGRATULATING BEN COUTURIER ON BECOMING THE YOUNGEST
PERSON EVER TO COMPLETE THE RACE ACROSS AMERICA BICYCLE
ENDURANCE RACE**

WHEREAS, the Race Across America is the longest running ultra-endurance bicycle competition in the world, covering more than three thousand miles, crossing fourteen states, and climbing nearly one hundred and ten thousand feet; and

WHEREAS, world-class riders from across the globe flocked to San Diego, California for the start of the race; and

WHEREAS, following eleven days, three hours, and ten minutes of cycling, averaging 11.42 miles per hour, Ben Couturier at age 18 became the youngest person to ever complete the Race Across America; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five men began the race as solo riders and only eleven actually finished (with Ben finishing in seventh place); and

WHEREAS, Ben brings further glory to Alaska in the Race Across America, joining fellow Alaskan Pete Leskisch who holds the honor of being the oldest person to ever complete the race.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

**THAT BEN COUTURIER IS CONGRATULATED ON HIS
EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT AND ACHIEVMENT IN THE RACE ACROSS
AMERICA**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26th day
of July, 2005.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

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