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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND REMEMBERING  
THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR JAY S. HAMMOND.**

WHEREAS, Jay Sterner Hammond was born in Troy, New York in 1922, and passed away quietly on August 2, 2005, at his beloved Lake Clark homestead; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Jay Hammond was known as a humble and kind man, of such integrity and selflessness that he was a moral conscience to many; and

WHEREAS, Jay Hammond arrived in Alaska as a young man in an amphibious biplane in 1946, having studied petroleum engineering at Penn State and served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a fighter pilot during World War II in the South Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Jay Hammond spent his first few years in Alaska traveling by dog team to trap and working as a bush pilot, guide and laborer, before an injury steered him into the academic world of the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he graduated in 1949 with a degree in biological sciences and went to work as a hunter for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, from the time Jay Hammond entered politics in 1959 in the Alaska State Legislature as representative from Bristol Bay, he brought a sense of balance and a larger view to issues that were too often weighted by political and personal motives. He could be forceful but not angry, and had a Zen-like quality in the pursuit of his beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Jay Hammond was elected fourth Governor of the State of Alaska in 1974 and served two terms during construction and opening of the most important and impressive engineering projects of the modern age – the Trans-Alaska Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Jay Hammond was a talented and prolific writer, presenting to the UAA library archives an impressive collection of speeches, testimony, notebooks and papers relating to his life and political career, and telling his own colorful tales in his acclaimed books, *"Tales of Alaska's Bush Rat Governor: The Extraordinary Autobiography of Jay Hammond Wilderness Guide and Reluctant Politician"* and *"Chips from the Chopping Bloc: More Tales from Alaska's Bush Rat Governor;"* and

WHEREAS, Jay Hammond will be remembered as the father and protector of the Alaska Permanent Fund – what a Nobel Prize-winning economist called "a model governments all over the world would be wise to copy."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly honors and remembers

**THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR JAY S. HAMMOND**

The finest example of a true public servant. There are few men who have influence through their quiet articulation of what is right and fair in the way of Jay Hammond.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day August, 2005.

*Anna F. Fairclough*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Salma S. Jenkins*  
Municipal Clerk

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