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at the Request of the Mayor
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING THE
2 CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANCHORAGE OF THE LATE DAVE ROSE

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4 WHEREAS, David A. Rose began his service to Anchorage as a community volunteer soon after
5 his arrival as a member of the U.S. Army in 1960; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Rose helped build the first synagogue in Anchorage, Temple Beth
8 Sholom, and later he was elected president of the congregation; and

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10 WHEREAS, in 1966, Mayor Elmer Rasmuson appointed Mr. Rose to the Parks and Recreation
11 Commission, a body of which he became chairman and which wrote Anchorage's first parks
12 plan, foreseeing our current trail system and many other amenities; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Rose ran for and was elected to the Anchorage City Council and the
15 Greater Anchorage Area Borough; was reelected to those positions in 1974 and 1975; was
16 elected to the Municipal Assembly in 1975 and reelected in 1977; and continued to serve the
17 Mountain View, downtown and Government Hill areas until he chose not to seek reelection in
18 1980; and

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20 WHEREAS, while a council member and borough assembly member, Mr. Rose advocated for
21 unification of the city and borough of Anchorage, and upon unification he served as the first
22 chairman of the Municipal Assembly, leading it through the reorganization of two governments
23 into one, which required rewrite of 40 major sections of the Municipal Code and approval of
24 2,640 legislative items; and

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26 WHEREAS, the most controversial issue of unification concerned the equal rights ordinance
27 which, as proposed, listed sexual orientation with other protected classes, and which Mr. Rose
28 courageously defended despite a Mayoral veto and angry community debate; and

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30 WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Rose ran for mayor of Anchorage and made a strong showing in the
31 general election, but lost support in the run-off election due to the sexual orientation issue, yet he
32 refused to retreat from his stand, later saying, "I make no apologies for my position on equal
33 rights. I have never deserted a minority of any type for political expediency;" and

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35 WHEREAS, after leaving local government, Mr. Rose went on to serve as the first executive
36 director of the Alaska Permanent Fund where his decade of service was marked by integrity,

1 financial success, and establishment of policies that continue to serve the state of Alaska well;
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4 WHEREAS, in February, 2006 the Anchorage Assembly renamed Conifer Park as Dave Rose
5 Park; and
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7 WHEREAS, Mr. Rose died on May 27, 2006;
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9 NOW THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES the contributions of
10 Dave Rose to Anchorage and Alaska, and joins the entire Anchorage community in mourning his
11 loss.
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13 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Anchorage Assembly this 6th day of June, 2006.
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15 *Daniel A. Sullivan*
16 Chair
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19 ATTEST:
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21 *Barbara S. Bueland*
22 Municipal Clerk
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