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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2006–226

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING MR. WHITEKEYS AND THE FLY BY NIGHT CLUB.

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitekeys, that sleazy piano player from Spenard, has entertained, embarrassed and humiliated audiences since his arrival in Alaska in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitekeys and the Fly By Night Club performers, servers and staff have provided, in the Whale Fat Follies, "dinner theatre like no other" for more than 500,000 paying customers since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the foibles of politicians, visitors and just plain Alaskan citizens have always been fair game for satiric review; and

WHEREAS, the multi-media slide show has chronicled the cultural history of the past 26 years in Alaska through the license plates, bumper stickers and "Going out of Business" signs, and legislative resolutions, for the amusement and edification of all; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit service providers of Alaska have benefited from Mr. Whitekeys' generosity in offering the Club for countless fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, the Fly By Night Club has provided one of Anchorage's best venues for late night live music and dancing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitekeys has reminded us nightly that Alaska ranks second of all the states in the consumption of Spam; and

WHEREAS, on September 8th, following the last performance of the Whale Fat Follies, the Fly By Night Club closed, to be replaced by a sports bar;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly honors and thanks Mr. Whitekeys (Douglas Haggar) and the Fly By Night Club for enriching the cultural life of not only Spenard, not only Anchorage, not only Alaska, but the whole world through his wit, music, enthusiasm, and, yes, his love of Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12thth day of September, 2006.

Dan Shellwan
Chair

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