

Submitted by: Mayor Begich; Assemblymembers
TESCHE, Bauer, Birch, Coffey, Johnston,
Ossiander, Selkregg, Starr, Claman, Sullivan,
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Prepared by: Assembly Counsel

For reading: May 15, 2007

CLERK'S OFFICE
AMENDED AND APPROVED

Date: 5-15-07

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2007-129

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND
REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN L. ALEXANDER.**

WHEREAS, John L. Alexander was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on August 30, 1936, completed his elementary and secondary education in that area, and continued his education at A&M University majoring in drama; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 he was drafted into the United States Army where he was eventually transferred to Alaska prior to being honorably discharged in 1965; and

WHEREAS, John continued his education in Alaska and earned B.S. and M.A. degrees, and he was pursuing his Ph.D. from the University of Alaska Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, thus began John's leadership experience in this community working with the State Department of Labor for ten years where he served as Assistant Commissioner of Labor and, under the Egan administration, he served as Department Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, his employment also included Labor Relations Officer of one of the largest construction firms in Alaska; Business Representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and Director of the Offices of Equal Opportunity in both Washington, D. C. and the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, later in John's career he became the Director of Contract Administration and the Executive Director of Labor Relations for the Anchorage School District; and

WHEREAS, John was also involved in many community activities and served on numerous committees and Boards, including the Western Alaska Trades Federal Credit Union, University of Alaska Alumni Association, State Manpower Services Counsel, Citizens for the Management of Alaska Lands, and the Northern Television Citizens Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, John's talents and expertise were recognized through many honorary awards, including "Who's Who in Alaskan Politics; and he was named one of ten Outstanding Young Men of America by the Jaycees; and

1 WHEREAS, John was also instrumental in the initial founding of the Alaska Black
2 Caucus formed in 1975; and
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4 WHEREAS, John's commitment to the community and state afforded him the
5 opportunity to dedicate time and effort by running for Lieutenant Governor with a pledge
6 to "serve as ambassador to the people of Alaska, bringing government to the people,
7 and returning the peoples' concerns and comments to the administration" and "to
8 represent all the people of Alaska with pride, dignity, and concern; and
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10 WHEREAS, through John's many contributions within the community he did
11 represent the people of Alaska with pride, dignity, and concern, and was well-liked and
12 respected by many citizens; and
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14 WHEREAS, after retirement, John decided he wanted to continue to apply his
15 skills and work within the community; therefore, in 2006 John performed contract work
16 for the Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity; and
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18 WHEREAS, on April 23, 2007, the community of Anchorage lost a longtime
19 Alaskan; John L. Alexander passed away at home; and
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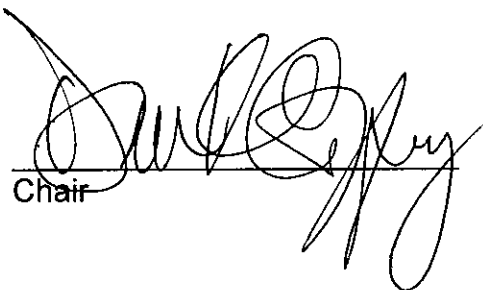
21 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:
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23 **JOHN "BUSTER" ALEXANDER**
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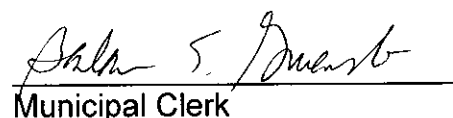
25 is honored and remembered for his contributions to the Municipality of
26 Anchorage and the State of Alaska.
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28 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of
29 May, 2007.
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Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk