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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND
REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF AUGUST G. (AUGIE) HIEBERT AND HIS HISTORIC
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE HE LOVED IN ALASKA BY PROVIDING
TELEVISION TO THE LAST FRONTIER.**

WHEREAS, Alaska pioneer broadcasting legend August G. (Augie) Hiebert passed away from lymphoma September 13, 2007 at age 90; and

WHEREAS, Augie's Alaskan adventure began in 1939 when he came to the Territory of Alaska, to help build the first Fairbanks radio station, KFAR, and he continued working in radio for Austin E. (Cap) Lathrop, including the design and building of KENI radio in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1953, Augie brought television to the Last Frontier with KTVA-Channel 11 in Anchorage, and Fairbanks' KTVF-Channel 11 in 1955; in 1960 he established the first FM radio station in the state, KNIK-FM; and in 1969 coordinated, for all the local Anchorage TV stations, the broadcast of the historic first walk on the moon, which was also the first live broadcast in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1947 Augie married Patricia Ann Stadler, who predeceased him, and together they raised four daughters and their families, and he was blessed with five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Augie and Pat were members of the Knights of Malta and devout members of their church; and

WHEREAS, Augie was a strong supporter of the military; and

WHEREAS, always an advocate for young people, Augie successfully helped Mirror Lake Middle School secure FCC licensing of a low-power FM radio station, called in his honor and to his delight, KAUG. Augie worked with the 7th & 8th grade Video News Team, who produced and broadcast a closed circuit 5-minute daily video news program. To reach parents outside the school and to expand the students' understanding of broadcast and build teamwork and accountability, Augie suggested creating the radio station; and

WHEREAS, of the many honors and awards Augie received, the following stand out:

- 1973 - Honorary Doctorate in Public Service, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- 1985 - Alaska Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame inductee.
- 1992 - Airwaves over Alaska, The Story of Pioneer Broadcaster Augie Hiebert, published by his eldest daughter, Robin.
- 1997 - Alaska State Chamber of Commerce's William A. Egan Alaskan of the Year Award.
- 2000 - Legion of Merit, the State of Alaska's highest civilian award, for his "leadership in developing a system to provide emergency services to villages in the far corners of Alaska".
- 2001 - "Alaskan of the Year" elected by vote of a panel of statewide judges.
- 2003 - Anchorage School District's School Business Partnership STAR Award.

- 2005 - First inductee from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences into the **Gold Circle**.

WHEREAS, Augie was commended by his dear friend Walter Cronkite for his "...clear vision for the future for broadcasting in Alaska."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly honors and remembers

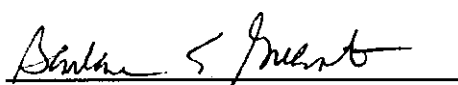
AUGUST G. (AUGIE) HIEBERT

A man whose dedication to provide public service to the people he loved will continue to inspire many to accomplish their dreams. "The sky is the limit...the limit is everybody's imagination... nothing can stop anyone if it's the right thing and the right time to do it."

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of October, 2007.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk