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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK BEGICH
SALUTING THE 3RD MEDICAL GROUP FOR THEIR RECENT HONOR OF HAVING
THE ELMENDORF HOSPITAL NAMED AS "THE BEST IN THE AIR FORCE."**

WHEREAS, the military and civilian communities within the Municipality of Anchorage have a unique and historic partnership beginning with the founding of the 11th Air Force at Merrill Field in August of 1941; and

WHEREAS, today over 9,000 active duty military personnel and over 32,000 veterans call Anchorage home; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Medical Group staffs the Elmendorf Hospital that provides treatment and medical services to active duty military personnel, their family members and veterans throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Medical Group started a program called "Bringing Alaskans Home" which brought 133 Alaskans wounded in Iraq home to convalesce rather than receiving care in lower 48 facilities, relieving families of financial strain and speeding the healing process; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Medical Group partnered with the Army Medical command and added additional staff to care for the medical needs of an Army brigade and an Army National Guard battalion nearly simultaneously returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, because the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan sadly result in a high number of brain injuries due to improvised explosive devices, the 3rd Medical Group created a traumatic brain injury clinic that has assisted 94 returning soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Medical Group created a joint venture with the Veterans Administration (VA) to increase local access to care for Alaska veterans resulting in more than 200 percent increases in orthopedics and ophthalmology services provided; and

WHEREAS, this joint venture further reduced referrals for service off base saving hundreds of thousands of dollars and increasing surgery capacity by over 200 percent for both the military and VA; and

1 WHEREAS, the innovative Taakti Topcover program trains medics through trips to rural
2 Alaska to provide health care in underserved portions of our state; and
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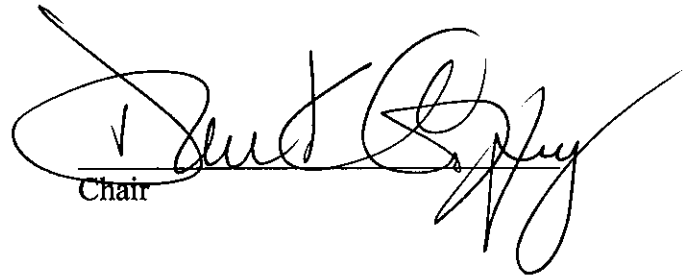
4 WHEREAS, the Air Force honored the 3rd Medical Group for these many
5 accomplishments by naming the Elmendorf Hospital as the "Best in the Air Force."
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7 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:
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9 to salute the 3rd Medical Group for this outstanding accomplishment and call upon all citizens of
10 the municipality, civilian and military, to recognize their fellow community members for this
11 outstanding level of public service.
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13 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 18th day
14 of March, 2008.
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