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MAYOR DAN SULLIVAN  
For reading: July 21, 2009

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2009--184**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING  
AND REMEMBERING ALLAN TESCHE FOR HIS PASSIONATE AND DEDICATED  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.**

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WHEREAS, on July 14, 2009, Anchorage lost one of its finest residents with the passing of Allan Tesche, a retired Anchorage attorney and longtime resident, whose life and distinguished career as a public servant are worthy of recognition as an important part of Alaskan history; and

WHEREAS, Allan Tesche passed away after open-heart surgery in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Allan Tesche was employed with the legal department of the former Greater Anchorage Area Borough and after unification, as Deputy Municipal Attorney and also served as Municipal Director of Property and Facility Management; and

WHEREAS, Allan Tesche served on the Anchorage Assembly from 1999 to 2008 representing the downtown Anchorage, South Addition, Inlet View, Government Hill, Fairview, and Mountain View neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, as an Assembly Member, Allan Tesche stood up for the rights of immigrants, spoke out for the protection of underage dancers, and rejected a proposal for police to routinely question drivers they pulled over for proof of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Allan Tesche's circle of influence reaches far beyond his constituents, to his fellow Assembly Members both past and present, to the local media, to the Anchorage Mayor, and to a United States Senator; and

WHEREAS, it is not only the breadth of Allan Tesche's influence, but the depth of these relationships which will resound throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mark Begich, who was Anchorage mayor when Allan Tesche served on the Assembly, described Allan Tesche as a close friend, as "one of the most committed and dedicated public servants", and as a man who "gave his heart and soul to his constituents"; and

WHEREAS, recently, friends and constituents have remembered and described Allan Tesche as a thoughtful and relentless advocate who enlisted a tough mind, but also a tender heart; and

WHEREAS, Allan Tesche's blog, "The Tesche Report", proved a popular forum for argumentative, passionate, and good-natured discussion of local politics; and

WHEREAS, although at the time of his passing, Allan Tesche was in Texas for medical treatment, far from his beloved Anchorage, his former assembly district and the welfare of his constituents were on his mind and close to his heart; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS:

**ALLAN TESCHE**

for his commitment to our community, to Anchorage, and our state.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2009.

Debbie Ossander  
Chair

ATTEST:

Stella S. Jones  
Municipal Clerk