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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING A  
CITIZEN NAMING PANEL TO HONOR LONGTIME ALASKAN HENRY ARISTIDE  
"RED" BOUCHER.**

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WHEREAS, on June 19, 2009, Anchorage lost one of its finest residents with the passing of Henry Aristide "Red" Boucher whose life long and distinguished career -- from baseball pioneer to public servant -- is worthy of lasting recognition as an integral part of Alaskan history; and

WHEREAS, Red Boucher was born on January 27, 1921 in Nashua, New Hampshire and lived in Alaska since his retirement from the Navy; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a decorated 20-year veteran in the U.S. Navy, including time on the USS Enterprise during World War II, he was introduced to radio broadcasting and computer communication technology; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Red founded and managed the Fairbanks Goldpanners (which started the Alaska Baseball League), for 10 seasons and proudly launched the starting careers of 170 men who went on to play Major League Baseball, including Hall of Famer Tom Seaver; and

WHEREAS, Red Boucher was inducted into the National Baseball Congress Hall of Fame in 1999 and was inducted into the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame on February 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Red Boucher had a long and distinguished career as a public servant, --as an Alaska Statehood Commissioner; a Fairbanks City Councilman (1961-1964), and as Fairbanks Mayor (1966-1970); and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks was named an All-American City during Red Boucher's tenure as Mayor for its timely and effective response to the 1967 flood disaster; and

WHEREAS, Red Boucher served as Alaska's Lieutenant Governor under Governor Bill Egan (1970-1974), and led the media effort to build national support for the Trans-Alaska pipeline, and spearheaded development of the statewide telecommunications system, bringing telephone and television to remote Alaska; and

WHEREAS, he represented Anchorage in the State House of Representatives (1985-1990) and as a representative on the Anchorage Assembly (1991-1993); and

1 WHEREAS, Red Boucher continued his commitment as a private citizen to work  
2 for an improved standard of living for all Alaskans through telecommunications and  
3 internet connectivity, especially rural Alaskans; and

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5 WHEREAS, he was known throughout the state as a dedicated champion of  
6 learning and worked hard to improve Alaska's education system, and believed that the  
7 key to a successful life is in creating opportunities for others; and

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9 WHEREAS, through the Alaska Community Foundation, the Red Boucher  
10 Scholarship motto of creating opportunities for others is expressed with a \$1,000  
11 scholarship for qualified high school seniors or graduates interested in pursuing a  
12 career in the field of technology; and

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14 WHEREAS, all Alaskan communities are and continue to be enriched by Red  
15 Boucher's enduring legacies, including his commitment to public service, dedication to  
16 baseball, and pioneering efforts in telecommunications; and

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18 WHEREAS, to honor Red Boucher by designating a public area, internal fixture  
19 or feature as set out in AMC Chapter 3.97 in his memory, will recognize this  
20 exceptional citizen and remind us and future generations how we can build new  
21 frontiers of opportunity for individuals and for our great state.

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:

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25 The Anchorage Assembly requests that a citizen naming panel be convened to  
26 assist the Assembly and the community in naming a ball field or other appropriate  
27 internal area, fixture or feature to honor and recognize Henry Aristide "Red" Boucher's  
28 long and distinguished career, from baseball pioneer to public servant, as follows:

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30 1. Penny Zobel and Bill Parker, two family friends, are selected to serve with  
31 the Mayor's Office designees Don Winchester and Steve Nerland.  
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33 2. Larry Baker is the Mayor's designee to assist in coordinating the work of  
34 this citizen naming panel, assisting the panel in holding a public meeting,  
35 facilitating deliberation, and preparing the panel's recommendation.  
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37 3. The naming panel's recommendation will come back to the Assembly for  
38 public hearing and final action in accordance with AMC Chapter 3.97.

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40 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
41 August, 2009.

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43 Chair

44 ATTEST:

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46 Municipal Clerk

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