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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**AR NO. 2010-228**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND  
REMEMBERING CHUGIAK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTER AND  
RETIRED FIRE CHIEF: ARTHUR F. WALLACE.**

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WHEREAS, on June 30, 2010, Arthur F. ("Art") Wallace passed away at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Art Wallace was one of three brothers who relocated from New York to Chugiak in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Art Wallace served honorably with the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Art Wallace took part in the construction of the Eklutna Power Plant for the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, Art and his brothers were industrious and hard-working, forming a business that produced concrete blocks which were poured from concrete mixed by hand; and

WHEREAS, Art Wallace constructed a building on the Palmer Highway in Chugiak where he opened Fuji Gifts, an enterprise highly popular for many years, attracting customers from all over Southcentral Alaska to purchase exotic imported items; and

WHEREAS, the Wallace brothers were strong supporters of the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Chugiak became a service area of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough in 1964; the volunteer fire department operated under the auspices of the Borough Assembly, and has continued its service under the Municipality of Anchorage since 1975; and

WHEREAS Fuji Gifts was located directly across the road from the Chugiak fire station, usually making Art Wallace the closest volunteer to respond to emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, responding to emergency calls when he was alone at the store made it necessary for Art to urgently toss back indoors his vast array of merchandise on display outside the store, lock the door, and rush across the road to begin response to the emergency call; and

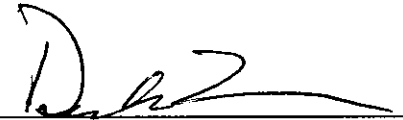
1 WHEREAS, if customers were in the store when the call for help came in, Art would  
2 ask the customers, whether known to him or strangers, to just leave the money for their  
3 purchases on the counter and lock the door when they left; afterwards boasting with pride  
4 that nothing was ever stolen; and

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6 WHEREAS, Art Wallace was a capable and conscientious firefighter and served as  
7 chief of the volunteer fire department from 1966 to 1970 , finally retiring due to poor health  
8 after thirty years;

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10 NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly honors and recognizes  
11 Arthur F. Wallace for his faithful service to the people of Chugiak, the Chugiak Volunteer  
12 Fire Department, and the Municipality of Anchorage, and extends its sincere appreciation  
13 with condolences to his friends and family.

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15 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
16 July, 2010.

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