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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2011-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND THANKING GARY A. TAYLOR FOR MORE THAN 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, Gary A. Taylor began his service on May 26, 1983 with the Municipality of Anchorage as a General Foreman with the Public Transportation Department weighing in at 200 lbs and 5' 11.5"; and making \$16.74 per hour, was promoted to the position of Maintenance Superintendent in 1987; and to the position of Operations & Maintenance Superintendent in 1990; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Public Transportation Department logged more than 56 million miles with no serious maintenance related equipment failures; and

WHEREAS, he procured vehicles from Share-a-Ride vans to AnchorRIDES minivans to 40' buses; and

WHEREAS, he readily adapted to numerous, sweeping technological innovations in the transit field during his tenure including electronic-controlled engines and transmissions, programmable logic-controlled electrical systems, computerized diagnostic, computerized maintenance management information systems, and computerized inventory control systems; and

WHEREAS, he served as the project coordinator for the Public Transportation Department's Advanced Transportation Operating Systems which included upgrades to backbone operating and support systems; new technologies including real-time bus departure signage and web interfaces; and safety and security systems which include on-bus audio and video recordings; and

WHEREAS, he was a key player in establishment of the 1<sup>st</sup> People Mover Bus Rodeo which expanded to a State-wide Bus and Paratransit Rodeo, challenging Bus Operators along a timed obstacle course to demonstrate safe and comfortable driving skills; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized as People Mover's Employee of the Month in August 1986 and has received certifications in Substance Abuse Training, Reasonable Suspicion Determination for Supervisors, and Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation; and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully and loyally provided service to ensure daily access to safe, reliable public transportation that has served and benefited citizens and visitors to Anchorage, as well as members of the Department; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 17 and has been recognized for his contribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes the many contributions and honors


**GARY A. TAYLOR**

for more than 28 years of outstanding dedicated service to the Municipality and the citizens of Anchorage.

Passed and approved by the Anchorage Assembly this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk