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Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBERS GRAY-JACKSON,  
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MAYOR SULLIVAN

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel

For reading: December 13, 2011

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**AR NO. 2011-337**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING SHARON GLEASON FOR HER PRIOR SERVICE ON THE ALASKA SUPERIOR COURT IN ANCHORAGE, CONGRATULATING HER ACHIEVEMENTS, AND CELEBRATING HER APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.**

WHEREAS, nominated by President Obama in early April of this year, Alaska Superior Court Presiding Judge Sharon Gleason's federal appointment to the United States District Court for the District of Alaska was confirmed by the Senate on November 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded for her judicial temperament, fairness, dedication to justice, and pioneering work on behalf of families and children while serving successive terms on the Alaska Superior Court, Judge Sharon Gleason's nomination was recommended by Senator Mark Begich and strongly supported through the confirmation process by Senator Lisa Murkowski; and

WHEREAS, appointed to the Alaska Superior Court by Governor Knowles in 2001, Judge Gleason has been retained twice by Alaska voters, including her most recent retention election in 2010; and

WHEREAS, federal judicial appointments are for life and Judge Gleason's appointment follows U.S. District Judge John Sedwick's change to senior status; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gleason graduated magna cum laude in 1979 from Washington University in St. Louis, received her law degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law in 1983, served as a law clerk to Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Edmond Burke, and was in the private practice of law for 17 years prior to her 2001 State of Alaska judicial appointment; and

WHEREAS, no governor since Tony Knowles has appointed a woman to the Superior Court in Anchorage; and as Presiding Judge of the Alaska Superior Court, Judge Gleason has been one of four female Superior Court jurists statewide including Superior Court Judge Anna Moran of Kenai and Superior Court Judges Kari Kristiansen and Vanessa White of Palmer; and

WHEREAS, for the United States District Court in Alaska, Judge Gleason will join Chief Judge Ralph Beistline, Judge Timothy Burgess, Senior Judge John Sedwick, Senior Judge James Singleton Jr., and Senior Judge Russell Holland, becoming the first woman on the federal district court bench in Alaska;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly hereby honors Sharon Gleason for her  
2 prior service on the Alaska Superior Court in Anchorage, congratulates her on her  
3 achievements, and celebrates her appointment and confirmation to the United States District  
4 Court.

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6 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
7 December, 2011.

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11 Debbie Ossander

12 Chair

13 ATTEST:

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