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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**AR NO. 2011-145**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING A  
CITIZEN NAMING PANEL TO IDENTIFY A PUBLIC PLACE IN HONOR OF GRADY  
WARD FOR HIS ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANCHORAGE AND TO THE  
COMMUNITY OF FAIRVIEW.**

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WHEREAS, on June 11, 2010, Grady Ward, a founding member of the Fairview Community Council and Fairview Community Patrol, died at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, one of Alaska's African-American pioneers, Grady Ward arrived in Anchorage in 1949 and worked as a welder for the Alaska Railroad, early in his career; and

WHEREAS, Grady Ward, a member of Carpenters Local Union 1281, worked as a laborer, welder and carpenter for 52 years on numerous local construction projects including the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, JC Penney, Nordstrom, Fifth Avenue Mall, Providence and Alaska Regional Hospitals, Captain Cook Hotel, and projects on Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Fairview Community Patrol, Grady Ward spent many nights patrolling the streets of Fairview. Grady Ward was instrumental in obtaining traffic signals, school crossings, speed limit and "drug-free community" signs throughout Fairview which make for a safer community today; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:**

The Anchorage Assembly requests that a citizen naming panel be convened to assist the Assembly and the community in naming a public place, internal area, fixture or feature to honor and recognize Grady Ward's long and relentless efforts to improve the quality of life in the Fairview community, and for all Alaskans calling Anchorage home, as follows:

1. Heidi Heinrich and Allen Kemplen are selected by the Assembly for service on this Naming Panel.
2. The Mayor's Office designees to this Naming Panel are Steve Moss and Darrel Hess.

