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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING
AND CONGRATULATING THE 2010-11 UAA SEAWOLF DEBATE PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, this year, the UAA Seawolf Debate Squad advanced two teams to the elimination rounds at the 2011 World Universities Debating Championships (WUDC) held at the University of Botswana; and

WHEREAS, these two teams were among only five from the U.S. who earned the chance to debate in the elimination rounds, with Yale advancing two teams and the University of Vermont advancing only one; and

WHEREAS, UAA student Akis Gialopsos, a senior majoring in International Relations, was the highest-ranking individual speaker from the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Seawolves' performance at the WUDC resulted in the World Debating website ranking them eleventh in the world and second in the U.S., second only to Yale, and beating out teams from Harvard, Stanford, MIT and Cornell; and

WHEREAS, all eight UAA debaters who competed in the world championship and from Alaska: Akis Gialopsos, Brett Frazer, Colin Haughey, Michaela Hernandez, Drew Cason, Wiley Cason, Amie Stanley, and Amy Parrett all attended Alaska high schools and are prime examples of how Alaska students can compete on the world stage; and

WHEREAS, Professor and Director of the UAA Seawolf Debate Program Steve Johnson and Assistant Debate Coach Shawn Briscoe played a vital role in setting up the debate team for success; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage community is immensely proud of these students' and coaches' achievements.


NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That members of the 2010-11 Seawolf Debate Program are honored and congratulated for their hard work, dedication, and success, and for representing the local community and the University of Alaska Anchorage in such grand fashion.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24th day of May, 2011.


Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk