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Drummond, Flynn, Gray-Jackson, Hall,
Honeman, Johnston, Ossiander, Starr,
Traini, Trombley and Mayor Sullivan
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2012-41

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING**
2 **AND HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN JOSEPH "JACK" POWERS.**
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5 WHEREAS, Anchorage resident John Joseph "Jack" Powers, was born in Pittsburgh,
6 Pennsylvania in 1942; and
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8 WHEREAS, Jack Powers relocated to Alaska in 1962 with the United States Army,
9 and was stationed at Fort Richardson before being honorably discharged in 1964;
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12 WHEREAS, Jack worked at the Anchorage Telephone Utility, where he moved
13 through the ranks from an entry level apprentice to the Central Office Installation
14 Foreman, supervising more than 20 employees during his 18-year career; and
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16 WHEREAS; Jack was one of the founding members of the Anchorage Bucs baseball
17 team; and
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19 WHEREAS, Jack received numerous community awards and recognitions over the
20 years: in 1995, he was honored as Hope Cottages "Employer of the Year" and
21 received the respectable Melvin Jones Fellow award in 1997 from the Lions Club
22 International Foundation; and
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24 WHEREAS, in 2008, Jack donated \$25,000 and initiated the efforts to encourage the
25 community to raise funds to help revive the financially devastated Anchorage Fur
26 Rendezvous, which proved to be a turning point for this renowned organization; and
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28 WHEREAS, Jack owned and operated Tudor Road Bingo Center, Lottery Alaska,
29 Tudor Charity Tabs (two locations), and The Silver Derby Campground and RV Park
30 in Lowell Point (Seward), employing more than 55 Alaskans; and
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32 WHEREAS, through his charitable gaming efforts, Jack raised more than \$20 million
33 for Alaska charities throughout the State; and
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35 WHEREAS, Jack was known as a "super voter," and recognized his responsibility to
36 vote in every election held. Over the years, he volunteered and supported numerous
37 candidates and their campaigns; and
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39 WHEREAS, Jack enjoyed listening to good ole' rock and roll and jazz music, and was
40 known back in the day for his crowd-pleasing jitterbug performances; and
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42 WHEREAS, Jack was an entrepreneur and inventor who especially enjoyed bingo

1 and politics; and

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3 WHEREAS, Jack made an indelible impact on the city of Anchorage, and will be
4 dearly missed by many.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

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8 That the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and Mayor Sullivan recognize Jack Power's
9 many positive contributions to the Municipality of Anchorage, and encourage all
10 citizens to follow his example by engaging in local issues, and giving back to the
11 community.

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13 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 31st day of
14 January, 2012.

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18 Debra Osmander
19 Chair of the Assembly

20 ATTEST:

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24 Bertram S. Johnson
25 Municipal Clerk