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Submitted by: Assembly Chair BEGICH  
Prepared by: Assembly Policy and Budget  
For reading: December 17, 1996

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 96- 348

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING DOUG KEIL FOR HIS DEVOTION TO PROVIDING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND CONGRATULATING DOUG FOR BEING SELECTED AS ALASKA'S 1996 SGMA HEROES® AWARD WINNER AND ONE OF TEN NATIONAL FINALISTS

WHEREAS, when Doug Keil started downhill skiing in junior high school, one of his greatest dreams was to go the Olympics as part of the U.S. National Ski team; however, at the age of 14, Doug was electrocuted resulting in the loss of his left arm and left leg; and

WHEREAS, though disabled, Doug still became a national ski champion and in 1980 won gold medals in the slalom and giant slalom representing the United States in the International Ski Championships in Norway; and

WHEREAS, because of Doug's own disability and desire to help others learn to live and thrive with their disabilities, he co-founded Challenge Alaska - a nonprofit agency that provides recreational opportunities for the physically challenged - such as skiing, sea kayaking and river rafting; and the organization oversees the Midnight Sun Wheelchair Marathon, the world's longest wheelchair race; and

WHEREAS, three years ago, the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) in partnership with the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association created the SGMA HEROES® award program to recognize the unsung heroes of sports, honoring one winner in every state, as well as ten finalists and three national winners; and

WHEREAS, Doug Keil has been selected as Alaska's 1996 SGMA HEROES® award winner for his dedication as a volunteer and co-founder of Challenge Alaska, and Doug has also been selected as one of ten national finalists for his outstanding contribution to sports within the local community and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Assembly, on behalf of the entire community, recognizes

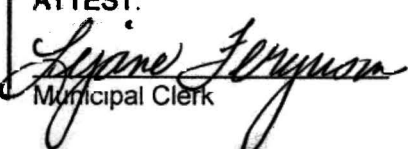
**Doug Keil**

for his devotion to providing outdoor activities for the physically challenged in our community.

Section 2: That the Assembly congratulates Doug for being selected as Alaska's 1996 SGMA HEROES® award winner and one of the ten national finalists.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 17th day of December, 1996.

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

  
Chair