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HCR 4 Honors African-Americans House Passes Resolution Recognizing Contributions to Alaska

(JUNEAU) – The House of Representatives today unanimously passed a resolution calling on Alaskans to honor the contributions of African-American citizens by celebrating February 2002 as “African-American Citizen Recognition Month.”

Rep. Fred Dyson (R-Eagle River) said he sponsored House Concurrent Resolution 4 as a way to recognize a group of Alaskans who have made, and continue to make, important contributions to the state.

“This resolution is simply an effort to encourage all Alaskans to think about their friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens of African descent,” Dyson said. “Like the rest of the country, Alaska has grown and prospered through the contributions of a very diverse group of people. This is one way we can recognize an important minority group, and help encourage unity among Alaskans of all races.”

Alaska is home to nearly 28,000 citizens of African-American descent, involved into every aspect of state life, including government, academics, public service, military service and private industry, and “African-American Citizen Recognition Month” will be an opportunity to build public awareness of that fact, Dyson said.

HCR 4 moves next to the Senate for consideration.

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