

Sponsor Statement for HCR 4

"A Resolution Declaring February 2001 to be African-American Citizen Recognition Month."

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The citizenry of Alaska is made up of people from diverse heritage and background. The friendly pioneer spirit that exists here is partly due to the fact that we have learned to live, work with, and appreciate people from different cultures and races.

It is the goal of the sponsor that by passing HCR 4 we are making a statement that the State of Alaska recognizes the contributions made by African Americans to the overall prosperity and security of Alaska.

Dr. King once stated that. "One day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of it's creed; 'We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal'". In some areas of the United States, racism and accusations of racism are commonplace. Passing HCR 4 is a small statement that Alaska wants no part of this evil. HCR 4 is a statement of appreciation for contributions of past and present African-Americans that have made and continue to make Alaska the great state that it is.

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