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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALLAN MILLER AS A FINALIST
IN THE NASA EDUCATOR ASTRONAUT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Allan Miller, a sixth grade teacher at Sterling Elementary School, was one of 30 teachers across the country selected as finalists for the NASA Educator Astronaut program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller recently spent a week at NASA headquarters in Houston undergoing intense training and testing with military pilots, scientists, astronauts and doctors; and

WHEREAS, NASA will select three to six teachers to train as actual astronauts who will help coordinate Space Shuttle crew activity planning and operations, assist with science experiments, participate in International Space Station assembly and operations, and perform other assigned Mission Specialist duties. Mission Specialists perform space walks, operate the remote Shuttle and/or Space Station manipulator arm, and are responsible for payloads and specific experiment operations; and

WHEREAS, the Educator Astronauts will experience something unique that they can use to engage their students and inspire them to consider a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, even if the educator is not chosen for the astronaut duties, the benefits to the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the School District are unique. Being selected as a finalist opens the door to outreach and resources, grants, funding and many relationships with scientists in the field;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes Allan Miller as a finalist in the NASA Educator Astronaut program and wishes him well in the final selection process.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Allan Miller.

SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2003.

Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk