

Introduced by: Assembly and Mayor
Date: 08/02/05
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND
COMMITMENTS OF DONALD E. GILMAN**

WHEREAS, with the untimely passing of Mayor Don Gilman, the Kenai Peninsula Borough has lost both a friend and valued statesman; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gilman worked tirelessly for over 30 years for the betterment of education, municipal government, the Kenai River and the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, Don Gilman served as borough mayor from 1975 to 1980 and then again for three additional terms from 1987 to 1996. He was an Alaska State Senator from 1980 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, he oversaw the construction of several schools, established the Kenai River Center, and lead the effort to establish response and prevention groups and citizen advisory councils as a result of the Exxon Valdez oil spill; and

WHEREAS, he established the public works department, the risk management program, the solid waste program, the equipment replacement fund, the coastal zone management plan and a borough-wide emergency response plan, all of which are still in place today; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gilman co-hosted the Kenai River Classic, helped establish the Boys and Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula, supported the Caring for the Kenai contest and served as chairman of the United Way campaign; and

WHEREAS, through it all, Mayor Gilman's number one priority was his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Nikki, and a wonderful father to his sons, Blaine and Bradley. Whenever the grandchildren came to visit...all borough business stopped; and

WHEREAS, Don Gilman will be missed by his family, friends and co-workers, and all who knew him are saddened by his passing;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Don Gilman and joins his many friends and acquaintances in mourning the loss of this man who gave so much to the borough.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.

Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Sherry Biggs, Borough Clerk