A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION
FOR THE SUPPORT OF BILL ALLEN AS STATE DIRECTOR
OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(Resolution 07-03)

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen provided strong and unwavering support for Southeast Conference as the most invigorated ARDOR in the state, and personally used the Conference as an example for how to be active on behalf of the region; and

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen provided strong and unwavering support for Southeast Conference’s semiannual regional meetings by financially sponsoring portions of those meetings through his agency, and by providing a presence at those meetings in person when he was able, or through members of his agency staff; and

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen provided strong and unwavering support for the Southeast Alaska Regional Intertie, both in his professional capacity as State Director of Rural Development and through financial support from his agency; and

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen provided strong and unwavering support for the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Management grant by advocating for the project and securing grant funds, even after funding was initially denied by the national office; and

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen provided strong and unwavering support for the Sawmill Cove Industrial Park in Sitka and its waterfront development needs; and

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen provided strong and unwavering support for the City of Wrangell through helping secure funds for development of the Civic Center; and

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen provided strong and unwavering support for the Southeast Alaska timber industry by advocating for that industry in Washington, D.C., and by providing a financing guarantee for a timber industry project on Gravina Island; and

WHEREAS  Mr. Allen strongly voiced the need for an economic base in rural Alaska communities to help them become more self sustaining, and championed that concept, which also gave birth to the Council on Economic Policy for Rural Alaska (CEPRA); and
WHEREAS Mr. Allen worked diligently to bring state and federal agencies and private foundations together to help communities and regions reach toward their goal of sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Southeast Conference wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Bill Allen for his tireless efforts toward the improvement of quality of life for the peoples of Southeast Alaska and the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:
The Southeast Conference Board of Directors hereby states its intention to designate Bill Allen a lifetime member of Southeast Conference (to be confirmed by a vote of the membership at the upcoming annual meeting).

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JULY 20, 2006, AND BY THE MEMBERSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 AT KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

Witnessed by: Attested by:

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Robert Venables  Murray Walsh
President  Executive Director