

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

**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

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**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:



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Robert Venables  
President

Attested by:



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Murray Walsh  
Executive Director