

**Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council
Resolution 2013-01**

**Recognizing Merritt Mitchell for His Outstanding Service as a Member of the
Board of Directors and Public Member of the Environmental Monitoring Committee
of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council**

WHEREAS, the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council is a federally mandated citizens group whose mission is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Council Board consists of thirteen appointed or elected Cook Inlet stakeholders and nine Ex-Officio Members representing Federal and State entities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska gripped a young Merritt Mitchell, a man with a passion for flying and water who came to Alaska from Minnesota, married a girl from Bristol Bay named Liz, and raised a family; and

WHEREAS, Merritt Mitchell has served the interests of the United States, the State of Alaska, the Kenai Peninsula and the City of Homer as a dedicated veteran, public servant and volunteer, serving as an airman in World War II; as a water quality engineer for the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration and EPA, and for both the Alaskan Territorial and State governments; as a volunteer Director with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies; and in numerous capacities within the University of Alaska system; and

WHEREAS, among his many volunteer passions, our friend Merritt Mitchell has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the Cook Inlet RCAC, serving as the elected representative of Environmental Interest Group stakeholders from 1999 to 2001, and as a Public Member volunteer on the Council's Environmental Monitoring Committee, serving for over 15 years from 1998 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Merritt is a water enthusiast, a boat builder, a fisherman, a pilot, a model volunteer, a mentor, a competitive skier and ski jump developer, an educator, a loving husband, father, grandfather, friend and an inspiration to all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COOK INLET RCAC:

We thank and commend Merritt Mitchell for his dedication and commitment to the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council and the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula, its people and its environment. We recognize Merritt for the contributions and sacrifices he made in service to the United States, the State of Alaska, and his community. We offer our gratitude to his beloved family, and thank them for sharing Merritt and his humor, tireless efforts, and great knowledge with us all. We sincerely wish Merritt a joyful retirement from his volunteer service.

**ADOPTED BY THE COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.**

ATTEST:

John Williams, President

Gary Fandrei, Secretary