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CSG-WEST RESOLUTION 2006-01

Memorializing Alfred E. Alquist, 1908-2006 Distinguished Former Member of the California State Legislature

Introduced by the Officers of The Council of State Governments-WEST

WHEREAS, The Council of State Governments-*WEST* marks and mourns the recent passing of former California State Senator Alfred E. Alquist of San Jose who served the people of California with great distinction as a member of the State Assembly and State Senate; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Alquist's distinguished legislative record spanned four decades from 1962 to 1996, and included landmark legislation such as the Seismic Safety Council and the California Energy Council that have become models for other western states; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Alquist was present at the creation of the modern era in the history of the California legislature and worked with his colleagues to establish the constitutional and statutory procedures that remain in place and in use by the legislature today; and

WHEREAS, Senator Alquist was honored and acknowledged by his legislative colleagues from both sides of the aisle for his commitment to seeking bi-partisan solutions to policy and budgetary issues; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Alquist recognized the essential role and value of experience in the legislative process and the responsibility it conferred upon senior members of the legislature to mentor new members regardless of political party; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Alquist was an undaunted champion of the role of the states in the federal system and the role of the legislature as an indispensable partner with the governor in maintaining balance and equity in state government; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CSG-*WEST* Executive Committee recognizes and memorializes the life and work of Senator Alfred E. Alquist on behalf of the people of California as a worthy example for all legislators in the service of the people of their states.

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