

A Resolution to Honor the “Saint of the Republican Party” Myrna Maynard

Whereas, after her arrival in Alaska in 1961 from Johannesburg, South Africa, Myrna took up community volunteerism in addition to raising her family. Through those efforts, she found her calling in Alaska politics. She volunteered for her first campaign in 1968 for Senator Ted Stevens. This calling and the desire to vote, lead her to become a United States citizen in 1985.

Whereas, Myrna spent countless hours working with Republican candidates, offering praise and rebuke as needed. She was so well known for her outstanding positions that she received a proclamation from Mayor Knowles regarding her "verbal vigilance" on her 50th birthday.

Whereas, her firm stance and no-nonsense approach made her the ideal person to take up the responsibilities of “Gatekeeper” for both Senate President Drue Pearce and House Speaker Gail Phillips. If you wanted to see her charge, you made an appointment and you arrived on time. This policy applied to everyone, family and friends included.

Whereas, “Mean Myrna” was not just her email address, it was her armor against the foolhardy. Her wit and wisdom were freely given as was her praise; but, do something she did not agree with and you would find yourself on the other side of “Mean Myrna”. This is not an experience you would repeat.

Whereas, after her time as Legislative Aide and Gatekeeper, Myrna devoted her time and energy to many republican candidates as their Treasurer and guru of all things APOC and FEC. She devoted her time hand-entering thousands of records of donations for individual candidates, oftentimes with her beloved husband, Ken, helping at her side.

Whereas, Myrna would often be overheard stating that she was done and would not be working on any campaigns the next season, thankfully for Alaska Republican candidates, she never made good on that threat. Myrna volunteered for Alaska’s Republican candidates for almost 50 years. She worked for Rep. Don Young for 16 years and in her final campaign, she worked on Senator Dan Sullivan’s race in 2016.

Therefore, be it resolved: that we all emulate and honor this grand Alaskan woman with our continued volunteerism to the State of Alaska, and in particular to AWAIC (Abused Women's Aid in Crisis), an organization where Myrna spent innumerable hours as a volunteer, in her honor.

Be it further resolved: that the Republican Party of Alaska offer their condolences to Myrna’s beloved Kenneth, her children Colin and Vivien, her grandchildren Douglas Regan and Melanie Regan and great-grandchildren Wyatt, Holton and Sorrel Beckman.

Glenn Clary, Chairman Alaska Republican Party

