

**\* HONORING \***

**\* WAYNE ANTHONY ROSS \***

On the occasion of his sixty-fifth birthday, the Alaska State Legislature takes great pride in honoring a distinguished Alaskan, Wayne Anthony Ross, or WAR as he is often better known.

WAR earned his bachelor's degree from Marquette College of Business Administration and a juris doctorate from Marquette Law School in Wisconsin. Days after completing his law degree in 1968, WAR and the love of his life, Barbara Louise Froelich, married and drove north to Alaska where they have become icons of the Alaska spirit.

Beginning a career dedicated to defending individual rights, WAR served as a Family Court Trustee and Master and then as an assistant attorney general. He has subsequently practiced law in Anchorage for over 30 years and is a true champion for regular folks from all walks of life. WAR is equally recognized for protecting citizens' rights and his support for Alaska's law enforcement community.

WAR is a passionate defender of Second Amendment rights. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association (NRA) since 1980. He chairs the NRA Ethics and Gun Collectors committees. He has testified on the right to keep and bear arms before Congress and the Alaska Legislature. He successfully stopped the State of Alaska's wanton destruction of surplus firearms. WAR is a founding member of the Alaska Gun Collectors Association and active in other national firearms collector organizations.

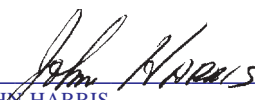
WAR is an avid sportsman and advocate for the hunting and fishing rights of all Alaskans. WAR hunts almost exclusively with a handgun and took a musk ox on Nunivak Island with a pistol.

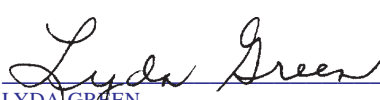
A true patriot, WAR achieved the rank of Colonel in the Alaska State Defense Force and serves as the Area Defense Counsel. He helped organize the Alaska Territorial Cavalry (Motorized) and served as its Secretary. WAR has been twice knighted, by Poland and the Vatican. A vocal proponent of free speech, WAR wrote regular columns for the *Alaska Bar Rag*, the *Anchorage Daily News*, and the *Alaska Chronicle*.

WAR has always been politically active. He has been a Republican National Committeeman for Alaska and Chairman of the Alaska Land Use Council Advisors Committee. In 1998 and 2002, he ran spirited grassroots campaigns to be Governor. Nearly ten years later, "Ross for Governor" bumper stickers and yard signs are still seen across Alaska.

WAR epitomizes the ideals of Theodore Roosevelt's "The Man in the Arena." In addition to "spending himself in a worthy cause," WAR is an adoring husband to Barbara, a devoted father to four children, two daughters-in-law and a loving grandfather to six grandchildren. He is a dynamic and inspiring role model to countless Alaskans.

In celebration of his 65th birthday, the Alaska Legislature honors Wayne Anthony Ross for his many contributions to our great state.

  
JOHN HARRIS  
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