

# Baha'is to honor healer Della Keats

Traditional healer Della Keats will be honored by the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Anchorage when she is presented with the First Annual Honor Kempton Award for Service to Humanity at a dinner Feb. 26.

A banquet in Mrs. Keats' honor will be held on that night at the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel. Invited guests include statewide Native leaders, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, Gov. Bill Sheffield and Lt. Gov. Steve

McAlpine, Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles, members of the medical community and many other prominent Alaskans.

Roger Lang, former president of the Alaska Federation of Natives and Alaska Native Foundation and a director of the Sealaska Native Corporation will be guest speaker.

Born in Noatak in 1907, Mrs. Keats has practiced natural healing for more than 50 years in the Kotzebue area.

She has worked with the Mauniilaq Native Association since 1974 practicing and teaching her special medicine.

Honor Kempton is considered the spiritual mother of the Alaska and Luxembourg Baha'i communities. She pioneered to Alaska in 1939 and became the first Baha'i member in Anchorage.

There are now 62 active Baha'i Local Spiritual Assemblies in Alaska.