

Thank you, oil spill workers

To the editor:

Thank you, oil spill workers. The Alaska State Employees Association Executive Board and staff, on behalf of the entire membership, say thank you to those members who were directly or indirectly involved in cleaning up the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill of March 24.

All around the state we have eagerly followed news stories that chronicle your efforts and the seemingly unreachable goal of total cleanup of Prince William Sound and the affected waters and beaches hundreds of miles from there.

Through your hard work, many of us who can't be a part of the cleanup and who have personally experienced the beauty and bounty of the sound and other oiled areas feel that a monumental attempt is being made to save those precious resources.

As a way of officially expressing the members' gratitude to you, they

adopted the following resolution. It was submitted by Larry Talley and Fred Bergander, two Juneau members.

Resolution 10, in gratitude for the added effort:

Whereas, countless members of the GGU, ASEA/AFSCME have been reassigned to work on the Prince William Sound oil spill cleanup on site in Valdez, support in Juneau and in other communities; and whereas, this reassignment has taken these members away from their homes and families, caused them to work day and night and otherwise disrupted their lives; Therefore be it resolved that ASEA/AFSCME recognizes these members involved in the cleanup for their efforts and expresses our gratitude for their dedication.

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