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February 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that there is a resolution to consider naming the Juneau Ferry Terminal after Frank Palmer.

Our Company and its people would be thrilled to see Frank honored in this way. It would be wonderful for his family and for all of us who knew and respected him.

I doubt that records have been kept, but it would be reasonable to assume that no one driver has ever moved or ever will move more equipment on to and off of Alaska Marine Highway System vessels than Frank.

Arrowhead Transfer, Inc. would be in strong support of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Friends of Frank Palmer:

I understand that there is consideration of naming the Juneau Ferry terminal after Frank Palmer. This is a wonderful tribute to a great man and I strongly endorse the idea.

Frank began pulling Lynden Trailers off the Alaska Ferry's in 1962, when the 1<sup>st</sup>. vessels began operating from Prince Rupurt. He began driving for Orme Transfer, then as an owner of Douglas trucking (when Orme went out of business) and finally for Alaska Marine Trucking, a Lynden Company. He met ferries in Juneau, at all hours of the day and night, in any type of weather, safely, reliably and professionally for 47 years.

Frank is well known by AMHS personnel for 5 decades, as the guy who was always there, and who could thread a needle with a tractor trailer.

Thank you for your consideration of our long term friend and fellow Lynden professional, Frank Palmer.

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Jim Jansen  
CEO  
Lynden Inc.

March 21, 2011

Senator Dennis Egan  
State Capitol  
Room 510  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182



RE: HB 95

Dear Senator Egan:

We are writing to express our support for renaming the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal after Frank Palmer.

Besides being a local business owner for 25 years, Frank was our co-worker, our mentor and our friend. The importance of the Alaska Marine Highway system to the commerce of Southeast Alaska was always in the forefront of his thoughts. Frank was well known to personnel at the Alaska Marine Highway Auke Bay Terminal and to vessel crews. He made himself available to help many passengers' equipment on and off the Marine Highways vessels over his long tenure meeting the ferry.

Thank you for initiating this bill.

Sincerely,  
The Crew at Alaska Marine Trucking

*Eric Brader*  
*James M Knutson*  
*Bob E Knut*  
*Deeann James*  
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*Steve Lee*  
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*Jeff Kehl*  
*Tim Ginn Jr.*  
*John Dowd*

*John Murphy*  
*Naomi Chitt*



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February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To Whom It May Concern;

I have been in communication with the office of Senator Dennis Egan to provide information and support his efforts to name the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal after a dear friend of mine, Frank Palmer. Those of us that were blessed to work with him feel that this gesture would be a fitting tribute to this man and his family. A man that has meant so much to this community and other communities throughout Southeast Alaska serviced by the Alaska Marine Highway.

It would be impossible to even guess the number of trailers he pulled off and put on the ferries over the course of his 47 plus years in transportation here in Juneau. Think of the lives he touched either directly or indirectly by being the one there at all hours of the day or night moving the mail, moving the freight and moving our lives.

Frank Palmer was a special person who was perfectly matched for the career he chose, and especially loved working the ferries of the Alaska Marine Highway. Thank you for considering this honor for my friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric W. Badger".

Eric Badger

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March 15, 2011

To Whom It May Concern

Re: SB 95 -- "An Act naming the ferry terminal located at Auke Bay in Juneau the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal."

It is with great personal pleasure that I write in support of this bill and the proposed name change from the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal to the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal.

I knew Frank since the early 1960s and considered him a good friend. In 1969 my wife and I purchased a home "out beyond the ferry terminal" on Lena Loop Road. Thus my life and the life of my wife and 3 daughters began each day and ended each day with a trip past the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal. Over the years since, my family and I have used the ferry system far more than the average Southeast citizen. We traveled regularly on the ferries using them for access to places like Anchorage, Mat-Su, Tok, Haines & Skagway. Our trips north number in the hundreds. The trips were for pleasure but also for business and education. All this travel required that I spend many hours at the ferry terminal waiting to be loaded or waiting to pick up family or friends arriving.

During all this time at the terminal there was one thing that was a constant and that was Frank Palmer. Be it 3 in the morning or 3 in the afternoon -- be it raining, snowing, blowing or (occasionally) sunny -- Frank was always there. He was always pleasant and never too busy to say hello with a hand shake or a good natured headlock. It seems that not only when we were traveling on the ferry but also when just driving by -- there was Frank pulling in with a load or pulling out with one.

When traveling one would see different AMHS employees at the terminal depending on their shift but Frank was always there. Watching him was always interesting as he had the skills to load those trailers quickly into the tightest places. I learned the difficulty of his task and appreciated his skills by having had to personally load horse trailers on and off the ferries -- sometimes by backing up or backing down a steep ramp -- doing so gave me a great appreciation for Frank's skills.

It seemed impossible to think about the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal without thinking about Frank Palmer. He was a good person with great skills and a pleasant manner that set standards for all of us to strive for in life. Your support for this name change will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

George W. Davidson PE, LS  
Juneau, Alaska

March 18, 2011

Senator Dennis Egan  
State Capitol, Room 510  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: SB 95 - Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal

Dear Senator Egan,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your introduction of this bill. Frank Palmer was my brother, his two passions in his life were his family and driving trucks. Other than his yearly hunting trip, Frank rarely left Juneau, in part because of his dedication to his job. In the times that I was able to ride with him as he worked, I saw the flawless talent he had for loading and unloading the ferries. His love and commitment to his job was seen everyday by those around him.

The ferry captains and dock workers could never say enough about the job he did for them. Once the ferry was loaded if needed, he would move the containers around to ensure that the ferry was balanced if they needed him to. He would remain until the ferry was not only loaded, but ready to leave, ensuring that he could make any last minute changes that they asked of him. He was never too busy to help the dock workers move the equipment and other heavy containers when the weather wouldn't let them do it with their machines. If passengers or other truck drivers had problems loading or unloading he was always there to help them on their way.

Frank's love and dedication to not only his job, but to the community of Juneau goes without saying. Ask most anyone, and they could tell you about Frank Palmer waving as he moved his big AML truck down the road, and if you need help, didn't matter what, just ask and he was there to help.

The renaming of the ferry terminal in his name would be a great honor, and in many ways fitting, since Frank grew up across from it. He loved the water and working the ferries was his life. Thank you again for sponsoring this bill.

Sincerely,

*Bosco Palmer*

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March 28, 2011

The Honorable Dennis Egan  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 510  
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: SB 95

Dear Senator Egan:

I would like to express total support for Senate Bill 95, naming the ferry terminal located at Auke Bay in Juneau the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal."

For nearly fifty years, Frank faithfully met nearly every ferry—day and night—to skillfully load and unload containers. His kindness, skills, and work ethic were reflected in the admiration of not only his fellow truck drivers but also by the ferry employees.

One of the real joys of arriving back in Juneau on the ferry was seeing Frank in his tractor truck, ready to unload and load those many containers that kept Juneau businesses supplied with inventory.

I applaud you for recognizing the talents and goodness of Frank.

Sincerely,

Carla B. Seibel

Senator Dennis Egan  
State Capitol Room 510  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

March 21, 2011

Dear Senator Egan,

I want to thank you for sponsoring SB 95 Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal. Frank Palmer was a tireless advocate of the AMH System, defending it against any and all criticism.

During his 35 years as an owner of Douglas Trucking, Frank Palmer met 99% of the AMH Ferries that stopped in Juneau, pulling on and off vans of freight and mail at all times of the day and night. He would voluntarily help AMH personnel in every way possible to keep the ships on schedule.

Frank would often pull stalled vehicles off or on the ships, or snow bound vehicles out of the stuck positions with his own company tractor, never asking for anything in return, even when the extra stress on his vehicle caused mechanical problems.

I cannot think of anyone better to be honored by having his name attached the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal.

Respectfully,



Gerald Kuelbs

## **Chester Carson**

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**From:** medjed@ptialaska.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2011 11:57 AM  
**To:** Chester Carson  
**Cc:** agsstaku@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Frank Palmer, Naming

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March 21, 2011

Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee  
C/o Senator Dennis Egan  
State Capitol, Room 510  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Proposed Naming of  
Juneau's Auke Bay Ferry Terminal

Dear Chairman & Committee Members:

It is my understanding that Senator Egan has sponsored a bill to name the State's Auke Bay Terminal after Frank Palmer. As a 70 year resident of Juneau I would like convey our **whole-hearted support for this action.**

Frank was a high-school classmate, teammate and friend. Although as life typically has it we took different paths after graduation, it was clear from the response to his death that he was admired by so many. This included not only his classmates, peers (including those he competed with), the many young drivers he mentored, visitors using the marine transportation system he came to the aid of, and just as important those operating the marine transportation system which held him in such high regard. Frank, like his father before him, and who in the 50's was our little league and American Legion coach, had a positive affect on so many. The proposed naming of terminal for Frank seems even more appropriate in light of the fact that in the 50's the Palmers resided just across the street from what is now the ferry terminal.

Please accept my apology for having had to direct this through Senator Egan's Office.

Sincerely,

Andrew Pekovich

## **Chester Carson**

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**From:** Jim Weber [reischl1950@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** Chester Carson  
**Subject:** Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal

Dear Senator Egan:

I am writing to you to show my overwhelming support toward renaming the Auke Bay ferry terminal in Juneau in honor of my good friend and business associate Frank Palmer.

I knew Frank Palmer for over 20 years and know him to be a highly valuable member of the community and a gold plated asset to the trucking industry in Southeastern Alaska. I worked for Lynden Transport in various locations throughout Alaska over roughly 17 years. 6 of those years were spent domiciled in Juneau in charge of Lynden's daily activities throughout all of Southeastern.

Frank Palmer at that time was an owner of Douglas Transfer in Juneau and had been for many years. Frank came through the ranks along with Pat Orme through Orme Transfer. Douglas Trucking was Lynden's Juneau agent. The most famous and well liked of all the Douglas hands was certainly Frankie. No one could match the expert driving ability that Frank had going on and off any ferry under the most adverse weather and technical conditions.

Often times Frank would be called out ship side to untangle the messiest car deck transportation problems one has ever encountered. All AMHS masters, Tow Boat masters, First Mates and deck hands knew Frank Palmer because of his friendly spirit, attitude and driving ability. Frank was a man with a wonderful imagination and humorous, always ready to get the job done no matter under what conditions or time of the day. Palmer had a heart of gold.

I strongly support Senator Egan effort in proposing renaming the Auke Bay Ferry terminal to show Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal. It is an honor truly befitting a gentleman of Juneau and the transportation industry.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Jim Weber  
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