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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 24

“An Act naming the bridge over Hammer Slough on Nordic Drive in Petersburg the Louis Miller Bridge”

Senate Bill 24 would name a bridge in Petersburg in honor of Louis Miller. Mr. Miller was an early Alaskan pioneer who helped found and build the community of Petersburg.

Louis Miller came to Alaska as part of the Klondike Gold Rush. He arrived in Petersburg in 1901 and worked for town founder Peter Buschmann as a carpenter. Miller is credited with building some of Petersburg's first houses and serving as foreman for the construction of the community's Sons of Norway Hall. He operated a moorage and warehouse on the site of the present day bridge over Hammer Slough until his death in 1955. Senate Bill 24 would name this bridge in his honor.

Under current law (AS 35.40.015), the State of Alaska may name public works infrastructure through an act of the legislature. Senate Bill 24 would honor a historic figure in Petersburg's history and is supported by the City of Petersburg.

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