

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SENATOR BERT K. STEDMAN

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Albert Kookesh, Chairman  
Senate Transportation Committee

From: Senator Bert Stedman 

Date: January 26, 2009

Subject: Request for Hearing

I respectfully request that Senate Bill 25, "An Act naming the South Mitkof Island ferry terminal the Richard 'Dewey' Duvall Ferry Terminal", be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee at your earliest convenience.

Attached is the following documentation:

- Sponsor Statement
- Senate Bill 25
- Resolution from the City of Petersburg in support of Senate Bill 25
- Picture of Ferry Terminal

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact me or my aide, Weston Eiler. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### Senate Bill 25

#### *“An Act naming the South Mitkof Island ferry terminal the Richard ‘Dewey’ Duvall Ferry Terminal.”*

Senate Bill 25 would name the South Mitkof Ferry Terminal in Petersburg in honor of Richard “Dewey” Duvall. Mr. Duvall was a proponent of marine transportation in Southeast Alaska, a founding board member of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA), and a longtime resident of Petersburg.

A strong advocate of marine transportation, Richard Duvall served his community for many years as an IFA Board Member and Petersburg city councilman. His tireless advocacy on behalf of the IFA is credited with helping the authority organize and expand routes across southern Southeast Alaska. Up until his passing, he was a recognized leader who sought to improve Alaska’s quality of life through connecting communities. For over 10 years Richard played an important role in the leadership of the IFA and construction of its terminal at the southern end of Mitkof Island. Senate Bill 25 would name that terminal 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 25 would honor a longtime resident of Petersburg who contributed a great deal to his community and Southeast Alaska. The bill is supported by the City of Petersburg.

*Contact: Weston Eiler, Legislative Aide to Senator Bert Stedman at (907) 465-3873*

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**SENATE BILL NO. 25**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR STEDMAN

Introduced: 1/21/09

Referred: Transportation, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act naming the South Mitkof Island ferry terminal the Richard 'Dewey' Duvall**  
2 **Ferry Terminal."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 35.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 35.40.220. Richard "Dewey" Duvall Ferry Terminal.** The South  
6 Mitkof Island ferry terminal is named the Richard "Dewey" Duvall Ferry Terminal.

**CITY OF PETERSBURG, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION # 1878**

**Offered by: Sarff  
Supported by: Jensen**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PETERSBURG'S LEGISLATORS TO SPONSOR AN  
ACT DESIGNATING THE SOUTH MITKOF ISLAND FERRY TERMINAL AS THE  
RICHARD "DEWEY" DUVALL MEMORIAL FERRY TERMINAL**

**WHEREAS**, Richard "Dewey" Duvall, recently deceased, played important roles in the organization of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, the construction of the South Mitkof Island Ferry Terminal and the paving of the Mitkof Highway from Blind Slough to the South Mitkof Island Ferry Terminal; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard "Dewey" Duvall served the community of Petersburg with distinction as a member of the Petersburg City Council for two terms, one term being a two year commitment from October, 1996 to October, 1998 and the most recent being a three year commitment from October, 2003 to October, 2006, and

**WHEREAS**, Dewey always understood the importance of water transportation needs of Southeast Alaska and was an avid promoter for the development and operation of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA). Dewey knew that the general health, security and welfare of the residents of Prince of Wales Island, Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg, as well as the need to develop commerce and industry in this area, was dependant on increasing ferry transportatin services, and

**WHEREAS**, since the Inter-Island Ferry Authority's creation, by overwhelming voter support in October, 1997, no other individual from the Petersburg community has put more time and effort into making the IFA a success. Dewey was Petersburg's very first IFA Board Member, serving on the IFA Board from November 3, 1997 until April, 2006. For over 10 years, he witnessed first hand the enormous challenges and successes of the Authority. He grined with pride when the first Hollis-Ketchikan ferry run began in January, 2002 and he beamed with joy when the northern run into Petersburg began in May, 2006, and

**WHEREAS**, Dewey has now ended his service to the IFA, which included not only his past service as a Board Member, but most recently as the very first employed Agent for the Petersburg Terminal. Dewey has also ended his many years of service and dedication to the community of Petersburg and we believe the hard work should be acknowledged by naming the IFA Terminal on Mitkof Island in his honor, and

**WHEREAS**, the South Mitkof Highway Ferry Terminal is a facility that is owned and maintained by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, AS 35.30.040 provides authority for the Alaska Legislature to designate memorial public works by an Act sponsored by a member of the legislature.

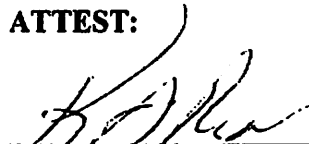
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Petersburg City Council hereby petitions its state legislators to sponsor an Act amending AS 35.40 by adding a new section designating the South Mitkof Island Ferry Terminal as the Richard "Dewey" Duvall Memorial Ferry Terminal.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Petersburg, Alaska this 20<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2008.

**CITY OF PETERSBURG, ALASKA**

  
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Al Dwyer, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk

# Proposed Richard “Dewey” Duvall Ferry Terminal Petersburg, Alaska

