

THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE



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*** SENATOR TED STEVENS ***

The Twenty-sixth Alaska State Legislature recognizes United States Senator Ted Stevens for over 40 years of distinguished service to the state of Alaska and the United States of America.

Senator Stevens dedicated his life to public service. In World War II he flew planes in support of the legendary Flying Tigers and in recognition of his bravery received the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal. He served as U.S. Attorney in Fairbanks, after being nominated by President Eisenhower. He later transferred to the Department of the Interior where he served as Legal Counsel and Solicitor General. He was elected twice to the Alaska House of Representatives and served a term as Majority Leader. In 1968, he was appointed to the United States Senate by Governor Hickel to finish the term of Senator Bob Bartlett, and was re-elected six times.

"Uncle Ted" played key roles in legislation that shaped Alaska's development, including the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. His contributions didn't end there.


Recognizing the importance of a military presence in Alaska, he has educated the national public on the geographic importance our state plays on the world stage and secured funding and support for the military in Alaska, including National Guard operations.

Always at the forefront of safe and conscientious resource development, Senator Stevens led the fight for Congressional authorization of the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline and has helped secure federal permits and a federal loan guarantee for the Alaska natural gas pipeline. In addition to these efforts, Senator Stevens promoted safer oil transport through laws requiring double hulled tankers, got funding for an extensive Department of Defense environmental restoration program and promoted sound fishing practices through the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which extended U.S. fishery jurisdiction to 200 miles offshore and established the regional fishery management system.

Whether people remember him for his continued work on the opening of ANWR to responsible development or championing issues such as Title IX which secured equal access for women to education and sports, everyone can be sure that when he dons his Hulk tie, he will aggressively and tenaciously work for what's right for Alaskans. As his motto, "To hell with politics, do what's right for Alaska," can attest.


Senator Stevens' longtime friend Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye, Hawaii, refers to Senator Stevens as "brother." We should only be so lucky. It is with highest respect and admiration that the Twenty-sixth Alaska State legislature salutes Senator Ted Stevens for his 40 plus years of continued service and dedication to the great state of Alaska and the United States of America.




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