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REPRESENTATIVE PAUL SEATON HOUSE DISTRICT 30

Jay Hammond: Notable Event Timeline

- Jay Sterner Hammond was born in Troy, New York, in 1921.
- He graduated from high school in Scotia, New York, in 1940.
- Studied petroleum engineering at Penn State University (1940-1942).
- Served as a U.S. Marine Corps fighter pilot in the South Pacific in World War II (1942-1945)
- Served as a U.S. Marine Corps fighter pilot in China (1945-1946).
- Came to Alaska in 1946 where he worked as a bush pilot and guide.
- Attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, graduating with a degree in biological sciences in 1949.
- Worked as a hunter for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and became a master hunting and fishing guide.
- Homesteaded near Lake Clark in the early 1950s.
- Married Bella Gardiner of Dillingham in 1952.
- Entered politics in 1959, serving as a representative in the Alaska State Legislature from Bristol Bay (1959-1965).
- Manager of Bristol Bay Borough (1965-1967).
- State senator (1967-1972).
- President of the Senate (1971-1972).
- Mayor of Bristol Bay Borough (1972-1974).
- Elected Governor of Alaska (1974-1982).
- Helped create the Alaska Permanent Fund (1976).
- Passed a constitutional amendment to limit state spending (1982).
- After retirement from office, Hammond wrote articles for Alaska newspapers and continued to advocate conservation and fiscal responsibility at the state level.