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### **HOUSE VOTES TO HONOR NORTH POLE'S WELL-KNOWN MILLER FAMILY** ***Isaacson's HB 94 names a pair of Chena Bridges after Con and Nellie Miller***

**Friday, March 22, 2013, Juneau, Alaska** – The Alaska House of Representatives today passed a bill honoring well-known North Pole icons Con and Nellie Miller, voting unanimously to name a pair of bridges across the Chena Flood Control Project after them.

Representative Doug Isaacson, R-North Pole, sponsored the bill, House Bill 94. "The Miller family has always been stalwarts of the community," Isaacson said. "It's nice to be able to give back, in a way, to a pair of North Pole icons that have meant so much to us. In addition to all they have done, from helping to originally settle the community to their civic engagement, they've also given us three great children in Terry, Merry and Mike Miller. It's a small gesture of gratitude for a pair of larger-than-life Alaskans."

HB 94 authorizes the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to name the north and southbound Chena Flood Channel Bridges after the pair. The northbound bridge, number 1364, would become the Nellie Miller Bridge, and the southbound bridge, number 1866, would become the Con Miller Bridge.

"Con and Nellie were known as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, and they coined the phrase that 'it's Christmas year-round in North Pole, Alaska,'" Isaacson said. "They helped the community gain worldwide notoriety and gave us the iconic Santa Claus House. I am thankful that my colleagues recognized their distinguished service and voted to pass this bill."

The Miller's sons, Terry and Mike, are the only siblings to serve as President of the Senate, with Terry serving from 1973-1975, and Mike serving from 1997-1998. The Legislative Affairs Agency's offices in Juneau are located in the old Capital School, which is now named the Terry Miller Legislative Office Building.

HB 94 now moves to the Alaska Senate for consideration.

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