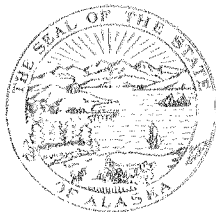


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Sponsor Statement for Senate Bill 31

“An Act naming the runway at the state-owned airport in Akhiok the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway”

Senate Bill 31 will name the airstrip in the southwest Kodiak Island Community of Akhiok the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway. This bill has been introduced at the request of the residents of Akhiok, who wish to honor the memory of two pilots who were well-known and greatly respected in the community.

Jim Andie grew up in California and worked in many jobs in the Western United States until finally realizing his dream by becoming an Alaska bush pilot. Tragically, Jim lost his life in a plane crash on Kodiak Island in September, 2011.

Robin Starrett followed a distinguished career in the United States Army with service in the U.S. Coast Guard before retiring in 2004 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His later years were spent as a bush pilot in the Kodiak area. Robin passed away in a plane crash in January, 2008.

SB 31 is a small bill, but one with great meaning to the community of Akhiok. I urge you to join me in honoring the community's wishes and the memory of these two gentlemen whose lives greatly touched so many others by supporting this bill.