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The Honorable Mike Chenault  
Speaker of the House  
The Alaska Legislature  
[Representative\\_Mike\\_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us)

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please add my name to those in support of SB 29 that would name the Capitol Annex after Judge Thomas B. Stewart. Tom played a pivotal role in preparing Alaska for Statehood, heading up the challenging assignment to see that a model constitution was created for our unique state, researching what other states had done, organizing the Constitutional Convention, and recruiting top experts from across the nation to assist the Delegates with their assignment.

What's more, Judge Stewart, a top skier, was a member of the famed 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division of the US Army in WWII that fought with great courage in the Italian campaign, was an outstanding citizen of Juneau all his life, and served Alaska with distinction in both the legislature and on the bench.

This proposed tribute is a fine idea, and I urge enthusiastic support from today's legislature.

Sincerely,



Walter J. Hickel

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## Kristen Bressette

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 **From:** Jessica Dillon [jessica.r.dillon@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 9:35 PM  
**To:** Kristen Bressette  
**Subject:** SB 29 - Support Note

I am in support of naming the capitol annex, formly the Scottish Rite Temple, after my grandfather, Thomas B. Stewart.

My grandfather's life work demonstrated his unwavering commitment to public service in Alaska; He was an exemplary Alaskan.

I believe this building would be a worthy tribute to him.

Sincerely,

Jessica Dillon  
726 "O" Place, Apt. 102  
Anchorage, AK 99501

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**From:** Steve Cowper [scowper@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 6:08 PM  
**To:** Sen. Kim Elton  
**Subject:** Tom Stewart

Kim -

I am told there is a move to name an annex to the capitol building after Tom Stewart. Count me as a supporter.

Tom Stewart was sui generis, a legal term that means one of a kind. Born in Juneau, and coming of age as he did with the fabled 10th Mountain Division in the Aleutians, he personified the history of Alaska from the 1920s until his death last year. He participated in most of that history and influenced events in a way that called up our better nature. Fortunately, the rest of us got to benefit from his wisdom and decency. We'll not see his like again.

Steve Cowper

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**From:** miranda2@gci.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 5:27 PM  
**To:** Sen. Kim Elton  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 29

Dear Senator Elton:

I will not be able to attend Thursday's Senate State Affairs Committee's hearing on Senate Bill 29, proposing to name the former Scottish Rite Temple building after Thomas B. Stewart, but wanted to express my support.

I am sure that countless Alaskans will provide you and the Committee with equally countless reasons why there is no person more deserving to have this building named after him than Tom Stewart. There's not much I can add to that except to say that I can't imagine anything more fitting than to name a building once used for Scottish rites after a guy named "Stewart."

For what it's worth, the bill has my wholehearted (and loving) support. Thanks for initiating the idea.

Sincerely,

Susan Burke

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**From:** Victor Carlson [victorcarlson@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 5:09 PM  
**To:** Sen. Kim Elton  
**Subject:** Naming of old Masonic Hall

Dear Senator Elton:

It is with great pleasure that I support your bill to name the old Masonic Hall to honor the late Thomas Stewart.

As a colleague of Judge Stewart and an admirer from the first time I met him in 1962 I believe he set the standard for which every public servant should strive.

You and your colleagues are to be congratulated for taking this action.

Very truly yours,

Victor D. Carlson

  


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**From:** John Havelock [jehavelock@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:08 PM  
**To:** Sen. Kim Elton  
**Subject:** SB 29

I understand you are sponsoring a bill to name the old Mason's Building after Tom Stewart. I could not think of a more appropriate name. Tom Stewart was an able Senator, profoundly conscientious, a just judge, one of a handful of truly influential Convention delegates and an honest and accurate reporter of this state's history, constitutional and otherwise.. There is every reason to endorse this naming. John Havelock

  


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