

February 27, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Our names are Lindsey and Robin Thurmond. We are the daughters of the late Marvin Thurmond. With exceptional gratitude, we fully support the State of Alaska, DOT, Galena Station State Shop, being named after our father. It would truly be an honor to us, as we have witnessed our father spending countless hours dedicating his life to maintaining the runway and state roads. He took such pride in his work, and it showed with how immaculate he kept the runway and roads. He never wanted any praise or recognition either, as he was just, "doing his job." To this day we still vividly remember passing by our dad as he would be grading the roads, and he always had the biggest smile on his face and would happily wave to us every time. Our father was well respected amongst the community, and to this day people still comment on how well the roads and airport were maintained. He taught us the true meaning of work ethic and to always be grateful for everything. He is a hero in our eyes and missed every day.

Respectfully, we hope you consider naming the Galena DOT shop after Marvin J Thurmond. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lindsey and Robin Thurmond

February 28, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am in full support of renaming the State of Alaska DOT shop after Marvin J. Thurmond. As the brother of Marvin and lifelong resident of Galena, Alaska I am pleased to write this letter of support.

Marvin set a fine example of an airport manager with his outstanding work of maintaining the Galena airport and Galena roads. He held his work and position for the State of Alaska to a high standard for 32 years, up until his retirement in 2020. He is greatly missed for his dedication to his job and to the betterment of Galena.

Thank you for your consideration,

Darryl W. Thurmond
Retired City of Galena Employee

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Darryl W. Thurmond', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

February 16, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

As a former employee for the State of Alaska, DOT, Galena station I fully support the state shop being named after Marvin J Thurmond. I have known Marvin my whole life, I am his younger brother, Ed. Together we worked many years at the Galena state shop. He was a force to be reckoned with when it came to his duties! In his early years, driving up and down the runway to clear snow and ice for the Air Force and their jets. He maintained the airport well. Keeping the runway in top condition was his number one priority. He was often at work at least half an hour early to begin his day for the State of Alaska, DOT. In his later years with the state Marvin became the Airport Manager along with maintaining the runway, and state roads in the Galena area. Since Marvin's retirement (February 2020) and his death (July 2020) local resident of Galena have spoken highly of Marvin's skills when it came to maintaining the Galena runway and roads. He has been greatly missed as an exceptional operator for the State of Alaska, DOT.

Please, consider naming the Galena DOT shop after Marvin J Thurmond. Contact me at your earliest convenience if more information is needed.

Edward J Thurmond, Sr
Retired DOT State Employee



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March 4, 2024

To: City of Galena

Subject: Renaming State DOT Shop

This letter of support is in-regards to the City of Galena's request to rename the State DOT Shop in Galena to the Marvin Thurmond Galena Maintenance and Operation Station.

Mr. Thurmond exemplified the values of self-sufficiency and hard work, sharing and caring, and cooperation and responsibility to the community of Galena and his family. The effects of his legacy are present today and reflected by those who had the opportunity to learn from him.

For these reasons, we strongly support the proposed resolution by the City of Galena to honor Marvin Thurmond with this sign of respect.

Point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned @ 656-7024.

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General Manager