

From: **Mary Abo** <[maryabo@gmail.com](mailto:maryabo@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 21, 2011 at 7:55 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Frank Palmer (SB 95)  
To: Marsha Bennett <[marsha9flower@yahoo.com](mailto:marsha9flower@yahoo.com)>

To Chester Carson:

I am a member of Frank Palmer's 1958 graduating class from JHS. He lived out in the country, Auk Bay in those days. Although I moved away from Juneau, I kept in touch with news from Juneau and knew Frank hauled freight to and from the ferry terminal. A landmark like the ferry terminal should be symbolized by a person who demonstrated work and personal ethics everyone admired. Please name it the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal.

Mary (Tanaka) Abo

**From:** Mary Becker <[jmbecker@gci.net](mailto:jmbecker@gci.net)>  
**Date:** March 21, 2011 3:48:49 PM AKDT  
**To:** [senator dennis egan@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:senator_dennis_egan@legis.state.ak.us)  
**Cc:** Jim Becker Becker <[jmbecker@gci.net](mailto:jmbecker@gci.net)>  
**Subject: Senate Bill 95**

Hi Dennis--

Jim and I support SB 95 that would name the Auke Bay ferry terminal after Frank Palmer. Frank was such a steadfast worker regardless of the time of day or the weather, putting vans on and off the ferry. Naming the terminal after him would be a fitting tribute to a great Juneauite.

Thank you,

Mary and Jim Becker

**From:** Patricia O'Brien [<mailto:patriciaobrien@gci.net>]  
**Sent:** March 21, 2011 12:25  
**To:** Sen. Dennis Egan  
**Subject:** SB 95 FRANK PALMER FERRY TERMINAL

Dear Senator Egan,

As a long time Juneauite, I was pleased to see the introduction of SB 95 honoring Frank Palmer. As a senior in Juneau I appreciate the recognition of competent, caring, fun loving individuals like Frank.

Juneau would be honored to recognize this colorful jovial man who was loved by the trucking industry, ferry terminal employees, family and friends. I will share just one Frank Palmer story from a friend who does not have a computer. Years ago she took her young grandson every day to the Auke Bay Ferry terminal to watch Frank Palmer load containers onto the ferry. This preschool boy never tired of the grins, waves and skill of Frank Palmer, so grandma had to take him to the dock nearly every day in the summer to watch – over three years. And Frank always noticed him and waved. One day Frank asked if his young admirer would like to ride with him in the truck as he loaded a container. It was to be a wonderful lasting memory for the child who is now a young man. Frank has influenced many of us with his support, skill, generosity, and humor.

Thank you for recognizing Frank and his contributions to this community through SB 95.

Warm wishes,

Pat

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From: [bonniebryson@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebryson@comcast.net)

I think it is a wonderful idea to name of the Auke Bay ferry terminal after Frank Palmer. I knew Frank over 50 years. I think his only problem would be finding which pair of pants to wear at the dedication, but he wouldd be so proud he would be splitting his pants with pride.

All puns aside, Frank was an all 'round great guy, and very deserving of this honor. I think it is very nice to have the terminal named after a person who had a close association with the ferry terminal before the terminal was built, and just a hard working, good guy.

*Jill* 

**From:** Marsha Bennett [<mailto:marsha9flower@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** March 21, 2011 11:38

**To:** Sen. Dennis Egan

**Subject:** Frank Palmer

I just want you to know that virtually all of the class of 1958 is strongly behind naming the Juneau Ferry terminal after him. He was a great guy and inspired so many truckers among others to do the best job--he was an outstanding mentor. I went to his funeral and was amazed at all the rigs lined up and the testimonials from all his friends. He was a good friend to me and all my closest friends too, who were/are female. I sent your newsletter to several close friends in the Lower 48 and all have been asking where the legislation is now and to add their support.

If you need names I can get them for you.

Marsha Bennett

**From:** [bonniebryson@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebryson@comcast.net)

Dear Mr. Carson,

Thank you for offering your web sight regarding the proposal of the naming Auke Bay of the ferry terminal in honor Frank Palmer. I was a friend of Frank's and his family starting in the 1940's. He was a school chum as well as a dear friend until his untimely death. Frank was a good guy, an upstanding person with a huge heart as well as his own unique personality. I support Dennis effort to name the terminal after Frank. To Dennis: My auntie Flossie Ditman would be proud of you for backing this effort to honor Frank.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Bryson

Tucson, Arizona

**From:** DeeAnn Grummett [<mailto:dhgrummett@gci.net>]

**Sent:** March 12, 2011 12:35

**To:** Sen. Dennis Egan

**Subject:** Re: Sen. Egan's Legislative Corner

Wonderful to hear about the Frank Palmer tribute.

Mike and DeeAnn

From: [marleneciraulo@gmail.com](mailto:marleneciraulo@gmail.com)

Mr. Carson:

First, let me introduce myself. I am Marlene Palmer Ciraulo, sister to my beloved brother, Frank Palmer. My family and I are honored and humbled by the recognition of our dear brother, Frank, and the possibility of the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal being renamed the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal.

Our family grew up on the shores of Indian Cover (where the terminal is located) and it would be a tremendous show of respect to our brother and our family, for that terminal to be renamed for our brother. Frank gave his heart and soul to the people of Juneau and the trucking business to make sure goods were delivered to and from the ferries. His tireless efforts to meet those "middle of the night" ferries was unprecedented.

The outpouring of love and respect for our brother, Frank, has been overwhelming since his passing a year ago. Should this honor take fruition, Frank's legacy lives on.

Please convey the complete gratitude of the Palmer/Ciraulo families to Senator Egan, for this incredible honor to our brother, Frank.

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**From:** Larry Edfelt [\[mailto:larrythefishguy@yahoo.com\]](mailto:larrythefishguy@yahoo.com)

**Sent:** March 11, 2011 18:52

**To:** Sen. Dennis Egan

**Subject:** Frank Palmer memorial

Hi Dennis

I heartily support naming the ferry terminal for Frank Palmer. He truly was a fixture there, loading and unloading vans at all hours, day or night, for decades. He was tireless, and loved his work. I am sure I join hundreds of others in Juneau in supporting the naming of the terminal for Frank. God bless him. He touched us all.

best wishes,  
Larry Edfelt

**From:** [Mgalstead@aol.com](mailto:Mgalstead@aol.com) [<mailto:Mgalstead@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 10:06 AM

**To:** Sen. Dennis Egan

**Subject:** Auke Bay Ferry Terminal/Frank Palmer

Dear Senator Egan,

I am writing to express support for the naming of the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal after Frank Palmer. He was a classmate of mine from grade school days and a very good friend until his untimely death. Everyone who knew Frank was aware that if he was unable to attend some event, it was because he was "meeting another ferry" and doing the job he could evidently do so skillfully. He was a fixture at the ferry terminal. Frank had a strong work ethic and sense of personal responsibility and he cared very deeply about the job he did there over the decades. He loved Juneau and Auke Bay. Naming the terminal after him would honor the values of hard work, pursuit of excellence, responsibility and community mentoring that Frank stood for during his lifetime. Coincidentally, he grew up in the family home across from the terminal and spent his childhood rowing around in the cove and exploring the woods around it. We all knew Frank to be a kind and caring person who would have never thought to promote this idea for himself, but there is some poetic justice in the idea of an "unsung hero", as one of my friends termed him, being remembered in this way. It would definitely please my heart, and those of his family, friends, and colleagues, to know his name would be carried on in this way. This is a wonderfully just idea. Thank you for suggesting it. So be it!

Sincerely,

Margie Alstead Shackelford

**From:** Donald Nowacki [[ddnowacki@yahoo.com](mailto:ddnowacki@yahoo.com)]

Dear Senator Egan

Although I am no longer an Alaskan resident, I would still like to lend my support for SB 95.

I grew up with Frank and we have been best friends our whole life. In our younger years, Frank and I spent many a day rowing around the cove and exploring the woods across the cove from his house which was basically across the road from the Ferry Terminal. He is probably the hardest working, kindest and most generous person I have ever met. On one of my visits to Juneau, I had the pleasure of riding "shot gun" with him while he delivered a container to a waiting ferry and go onboard with him and watch him park the trailer in the vessel's hold. The Chief Mate and Captain were both present for his arrival, not to supervise, but to greet him like an old friend. After a few minutes of small talk and a couple of laughs with them, Frank excused himself and went back to work, latching onto another container to deliver it back to town.

Frank loved his work and the Alaskan Ferry System and is missed by many. Putting his name on the Terminal across the road from where he grew up and spent his working life is a fitting tribute to a fine man who deserves to be remembered.

Sincerely, Don Nowacki ( JDHS class of 1958)

From: Jo Nelson [marlainajo@gci.net]

I support the bill to change the name of the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal to Frank Palmer. Although I didn't personally know Mr. Palmer, my son, Joe Purcell, worked with him and spoke so highly of him. I am pleased to see that a proposal to rename is based on the contributions made by an individual in the transportation field. Please feel free to contact me if needed. Thank you.

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