



SENATOR KIM ELTON

SB 29

"An Act naming the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building."

Sponsor Statement

SB 29 would name the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building in honor of Judge Thomas B. Stewart and his countless contributions to the State of Alaska. The Capitol Annex was formerly known as the Scottish Rite Temple and is currently under renovation.

Tom Stewart was known and respected throughout Alaska. He served in the territorial House of Representatives and was a driving force behind the Alaska Constitutional Convention and Alaska statehood. Tom then served as a state senator in the first Alaska Legislature. The remainder of his professional career was spent serving as a Superior Court judge.

More than the distinguished positions he held, Tom was known and respected for his character, wisdom, and leadership. He led by example and remains an inspiration to Alaskans. As we celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary of statehood this year, it's an appropriate time to honor Judge Thomas B. Stewart.

The estimated completion date of the renovation of Capitol Annex is August 31, 2009.

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