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To: Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

Date: February 16, 2017

From: Senator David Wilson

RE: SB 46 Bill Hearing Request

Please accept this request to schedule Senate Bill 46 – "October 25th – African American Soldiers' Contribution to Building the Alaska Highway Day" for consideration in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

The proposed legislation recognizes the contributions of African American Soldiers in building the Alaska Canadian Highway (ALCAN) and commemorates those extraordinary efforts by establishing October 25th as "African American Soldiers' Contribution to Building the Alaska Highway Day."

Why October 25th? On this day, African American Army troops of the 93rd and 95th regiments constructing the Alaska-Canadian (ALCAN) highway north from Dawson Creek, met the white troops constructing the ALCAN Highway heading south. The troops connected the two segments on October 25, 1942, at Contact Creek, near Mile Post 590 in the Yukon Territory.

Included with this request for Senate Bill 46 is our Sponsor Statement, Sectional Analysis, and the current version of the bill. If you would like any additional information or have any questions regarding this hearing request, please feel free to contact Gary Zepp at 465-4711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Wilson".

Senator David Wilson