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Dear Legislator:

Seldom do we have an opportunity to meet an icon- Mr. Willard E. Dunham Oct 1930 ~ Mar 2019 was without a doubt an icon. In that, I support and encourage you to support SB 100 to name AVTEC's the 3rd Avenue dorm the "Willard E. Dunham Residence Hall".

My relationship with Mr. Dunham began in 2000 when I visited AVTEC and shortly thereafter began to serve the State on the AVTEC Statewide Advisory Board as an Oil & Gas industry representative from BP. Over the years I enjoyed Willard's many stories especially of how the then Seward Skills Center came to be. To hear Willard's passion for the residents of Alaska to have a quality place to gain employable skills in Alaska's industries was truly motivational.

Though I am deeply saddened by the loss of Willard, I just know every time we convene an AVTEC Advisory Committee meeting or I walk the halls of the facility I will most likely think about Willard and his positive contributions to AVTEC, Seward and people of Alaska. Please help us honor Willard E. Dunham in this small token of our appreciation- Willard's life touched many people, whether they know it or not.

Sincerely,

Shawn A. Aspelund

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