

Senator Donny Olson
State Capitol Room 514
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SJR 23 - Letter Supporting Naming Mountain After Gail Phillips

Dear Senator Olson,

Please consider this a letter of Support for SJR 23, regarding naming mountain after former Speaker of the House Gail Phillips.

When I was contemplating what to say, it dawned on me that Gail “stood out” in everything that she was and did. She was born, raised, and lived Alaska. From the Seward Peninsula to the Southeast and all the diverse places in between she called home. That experience made her an exemplary leader and legislator. She understood the people, the land, and the fiscal difficulties of being an Alaskan Leader. She did not just work for her community, she worked for Alaska.

I have lived in Alaska since 1963 and been active in public policy issues for most of those years. I have been following Gail’s career since she was first elected to the Legislature, and along with literally hundreds of other Alaskans, consider her to be one of the finest legislators to serve this state. I was also pleased to have her as a dear friend.

Gail Phillips was a shining light throughout her career in both local and state government. It is entirely fitting that her light should shine from a mountain over the Alaska she served and loved.

Sincerely,

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