



# Alaska State Legislature

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Honoring Sherman W. Powell.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS Sherman W. Powell, well-known Alaskan homesteader and engineer from Talkeetna, has recently passed away; and

WHEREAS Sherman Powell was a renowned bridge builder and will leave his mark on Alaska for generations to come; and

WHEREAS he was known throughout Canada and Alaska for his work as project engineer for many of the bridges on the Canadian portion of the Alaska Highway; and

WHEREAS, although he retired once, he recently answered the call for assistance from the state and at the time of his death was returning to Alaska to continue the supervision of the bridges in the Valdez district, and prior to this time was project engineer on bridges on the new Anchorage-Fairbanks highway, including the 1,050 foot span across the Chulitna River; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the many physical structures he left as his legacy to Alaska and Alaskans, he built the Talkeetna Motel and Restaurant which has become world famous for its gourmet cooking and Alaskan hospitality;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Senate that it expresses its most sincere grief at the passing of this exemplary Alaskan and extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Sherman W. Powell.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Alice Powell, his wife; to Bill Powell, his son; to John, Bill and Nathan Powell, his grandsons; and to Oscar Powell, his brother.