

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 481

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to naming the Woodrow Johansen
7 Expressway."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. Born November 24, 1913, in Eyak near Cordova,
10 Woodrow Johansen spent his whole life in Interior and Southcentral Alaska.
11 He graduated from Cordova High School in 1932, received a B.S. degree in
12 Civil Engineering in 1940, and an M.S. degree in 1949. As a young man he
13 worked for the Copper River Northwestern Railway and later for the Corps of
14 Engineers. He then taught civil engineering at the University of Alaska in
15 Fairbanks and became the head of the Civil Engineering Department in 1954.
16 His whole life was dedicated to the transportation needs of Alaska. During
17 the 24 years before his retirement in 1979, he was head of the Fairbanks
18 district of the Alaska Road Commission, U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, Alaska
19 Department of Highways, and the Alaska Department of Transportation and
20 Public Facilities. His work has greatly enhanced the lives of Alaska's
21 citizens and visitors and has spanned the critical period in Alaska's
22 history in which very bare access evolved into a modern transportation
23 system. His achievements are monuments to his dedication, energy, and
24 foresight. In order to remember and honor Woodrow Johansen's accomplish-
25 ments and his lifelong commitment to public service, the controlled access
26 highway between University Avenue and the Steese Highway in Fairbanks is
27 named the Woodrow Johansen Expressway.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 35.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

29 Sec. 35.40.030. WOODROW JOHANSEN EXPRESSWAY. In Fairbanks, the

1 controlled access highway connecting the Geist Road at University
2 Avenue and the Steese Highway interchange is named the Woodrow
3 Johansen Expressway.