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RENDED TITLE:

ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF A RENewed CIVILIAN CONSERVATION
CORPS

LINE SPONSOR: FRITZ.

COSPONSORS:

CURRENT STATUS: 3/15/83 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

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3/08/83	01	1211	FIRST READING -- COMMITTEE REPORTS
3/25/83	02	1226	L&C - 0F07
3/31/83	03	1242	SECOND READING
3/31/83	04	1242	ADVANCED TO 3RD READING BY UNAN CONSENT
3/31/83	05	1242	THIRD READING
3/31/83	06	1242	PASSED BY DIV 25-02-83
3/10/83	14	1201	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR
3/15/83	15	1222	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
3/15/83	16	1250	LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 13

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3/01/83	07	1211	FIRST READING -- COMMITTEE REPORTS
3/09/83	08	1211	L&C - 0P02, 0R02
3/10/83	09	1225	S&C - OTHER03
3/10/83	10	1225	TAKEN UP IMMEDIATELY
3/10/83	11	1225	SECOND READING
3/10/83	12	1225	ADVANCED TO 3RD READING BY UNAN CONSENT
3/10/83	13	1225	THIRD READING
3/10/83	13	1225	PASSED BY DIV 13-02-82

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1983

Letters to the editor

The 50th anniversary of the CCC

Dear Editor:

As Alaska approaches its 25th year of statehood it is fitting that we take a moment to salute the Golden Jubilee of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

On March 21, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill creating the "CCC." Founded during the heart of the "Great Depression" — 13 million unemployed workers, earning wages ranging from 20 to 30 cents an hour, joined this "noble experiment" which offered new hope to discouraged youths between 17 and 25 years of age through a combination of conservation, education and disciplined living.

Exposing them to a healthful outdoor atmosphere and quasi-military regime, the program offered escape from street corners and pool rooms. The first year enrollment was 290,000 and before the program ended in 1942 during World War II, more than 3 million enrollees occupied camps in every state, plus Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Working for \$30 a month (\$25 of which was sent home to the family and \$5 left for candy, Bull Durham and stationery) plus room and board, these blue-denimed, floppy-hatted young men performed the following:

- Constructed almost 97,000 miles of truck roads.
- Installed 89,000 miles of telephone lines.
- Built 126,000 miles of trails and roads.
- Built 3,400 fire towers and spent 6,459,000 man-days fighting fires.
- Covered 21,000,000 acres in tree plantings, pest control and disease control.
- Planted 2,356,000,000 trees.

Here in the Territory of Alaska, in conjunction with the Works Project Administration, bridges were constructed, improvements made to harbors, totem poles restored and temporary shelters erected for the first

settlers to the Matanuska Valley Colony.

This once-in-a-lifetime experience gave most of us an opportunity to visit places we probably might never have seen otherwise. As a fuzzy-cheeked Ohio youngster of 18, I was lucky enough to be sent to California where we built check-dams and roadways and cleared the primitive area into what today is Palos Verdes Estates outside of San Pedro. Later I was transferred to Wildcat Canyon, where we trapped rodents and predatory animals, and planted thousands and thousands of pine seedlings.

No one knows how many of us youngsters — jobless and dispirited — might have ended up in jail if it hadn't been for the CCC. We matured, learned a sense of responsibility and our quasi-military training served us in good stead later.

As we honor the Golden Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Alaskans should be aware that legislation is currently being introduced to Congress for a CCC II.

With a still-faltering economy and a youth unemployment rate that reaches 40 percent in some instances, we must re-open the CCC to America's most precious natural resource — our boys and girls.

Andrew E. Elko
Homer

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April 23, 1983

Dear Milo,

As a "survivor of the Great Depression" I'm sure you'll agree that the Civilian Conservation Corps instituted at that time did wonders for the jobless, dispirited youth of that era. (See enclosed photocopy, Anchorage Times 4/22/83, letter to the Editor.)

This being the Golden Jubilee year of that wonderful organization do you think --- as our District 5 Legislator --- that you can get a resolution passed recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the CCC? (Or at least have my letter read into the records?)

I promised the Anniversary Committee I would try to help in any way possible.

Many thanks for anything you can do.

— Sincerely,

Andy

P.S. Our love to your lady from Anne and me.

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation

by
Bill Sheffield, Governor

1983 marks the 50th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill creating the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933, approximately 3 million unemployed workers joined this program.

From the program's inception in 1933 until it ended in 1942, the Civilian Conservation Corps built roads and trails, installed telephone lines, planted trees, and constructed fire towers throughout the United States. In Alaska, then a territory, bridges were constructed, harbors improved, and many other needed services were performed.

It is only fitting that Alaska join in honoring the Golden Jubilee of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Sheffield, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim 1983 as:

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR OF
THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

in Alaska, and urge all Alaskans to reflect on the contributions made to our state and nation through this program.

Dated: May 26, 1983



Done by—

Bill Sheffield

Bill Sheffield, Governor
who has also authorized
the seal of the State of
Alaska to be affixed to
this proclamation.

Office of the Mayor

Homer, Alaska

Proclamation



WHEREAS, on March 21, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill creating the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) offering new hope to discouraged youths between 17 and 25 years of age through a program of conservation, education and discipline living in a healthful outdoor atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps, between 1933 and 1942, compiled an impressive record of accomplishments that included the planting of three million acres of trees, thinning five million acres of forest, building bridges and roads and opening up state and national parks; and

WHEREAS, 1983 being the Golden Jubilee year of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the City of Homer, Alaska, always desirous of paying due respect to organizations such as the CCC which has done so much for our nation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ERLE COOPER, Mayor of the City of Homer, Alaska, do hereby proclaim and pronounce the month of June, 1983, as:

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS MONTH

in Homer, Alaska, and hereby encourage the citizens of Homer to support efforts to create a renewed Civilian Conservation Corps endeavor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.

Mayor Erle Cooper

Date May 26, 1983

