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FISCAL NOTE

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1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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| Revision Date _____ | Dept. Affected <u>DOT&PF</u> |
| Title <u>Renaming the Gravina Veterans' Memorial Bridge</u> | BRU <u>Office of the Commissioner</u> |
| <u>as the Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridge</u> | Component <u>Commissioner's Office</u> |
| Sponsor <u>Taylor</u> | |
| Requester <u>Senate Transportation</u> | Component Serial No. <u>530</u> |

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 99 | FY 00 | FY 01 | FY 02 | FY 03 | FY 04 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Services | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Full-time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Part-time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Temporary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

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Senator Robin L. Taylor
Senate Majority Leader

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SENATE BILL 211

In 1989, as Senate Bill 37 was moving through the Alaska State House of Representatives, an amendment was added designating the bridge to be built across the Tongass Narrows at Ketchikan as the Gravina Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

This amendment was offered at the suggestion of Ralph M. Bartholomew, a life-long resident of Ketchikan, a noted civic leader and a veteran of World War II. Ralph was also the leading proponent of the construction of a bridge connecting Ketchikan with its airport.

Ralph Bartholomew passed away last fall at age 74, without seeing his dream of a bridge become reality. It is only appropriate that the bridge be named for its greatest supporter and become known as the Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

Ralph was born in Ketchikan in 1923 and graduated from Ketchikan High School in 1941. That fall his studies at the University of Texas were interrupted by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He tried to enlist in the Army Air Corps, but needed parental consent. He returned to Ketchikan to enlist and spent nearly three of the next four years in the Aleutians.

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In 1946 he joined his father in the family business and remained with Ireland Transfer until its sale in 1996. He was elected chief of the Ketchikan Volunteer Fire Department in 1958 and served for six years. It was during that period that disastrous arson fires plagued downtown Ketchikan, changing the face of the community. Working with city police and the State Fire Marshall, Bartholomew was able to bring the fire bug to justice in 1961.

Ralph served on the school board and planning commission and then on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly. He was elected Borough mayor in 1990.

Ralph Bartholomew served in almost every volunteer organization in his community and as president of the Eleventh Air Force Association.

For more than the last decade he championed the construction of a bridge to Gravina Island, linking the community with its airport. His advocacy inspired many in his community and the bridge project comes closer to reality with time. When it is completed, the span should serve as the legacy of a true community leader and be named in his honor and the honor of all veterans.

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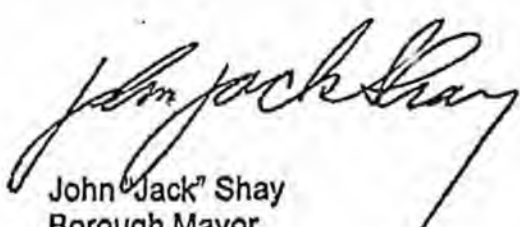
February 3, 1998

Senator Robin Taylor
Attn: Joe Ambrose, Chief of Staff
State Capital, Room 30
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Robin,

This is to confirm this community's unanimous support of your bill SB 211 renaming the airport bridge "Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridge" in honor of our fine former mayor who spent many years in working to make it a reality. The renaming proposal was on my Assembly's agenda several times and a resolution had been prepared to endorse the change when we received word that you had filed a measure to do just that. With a sigh of gratitude we moved on to other challenges, considering that the change was virtually a "fait accompli."

In the intervening months, I have not heard one whisper of opposition to your proposal. Thank you again for supporting our community in this effort.



John "Jack" Shay
Borough Mayor

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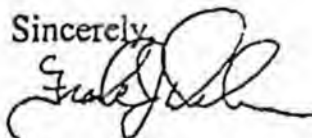
Senate Transportation Committee

Dear Senator Ward, Chairman, and Committee Members,

The Alaska Trucking Association is wholeheartedly in support of S.B. 211. Given Mister Bartholomew's long time advocacy for a bridge across the Tongass Narrows, it seems appropriate to honor him by naming the bridge in his honor. We only wish Ralph could have lived long enough to see the project completed.

Thank you for your attention and please support S.B. 211.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Dillon
Executive Vice President

→ **Sec. 35.40.050. Gravina Veterans' Memorial Bridge.** The bridge to be built across Tongass Narrows to Gravina Island shall be named the Gravina Veterans' Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.055. Clint Starnes Memorial Bridge. The bridge over the Swanson River in the Captain Cook Park area is named the Clint Starnes Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.060. Charles E. Carney Memorial Bridge. The bridge over the Little Susitna River on North Shushana Drive in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is named the Charles E. Carney Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.065. Chief Eddie Hoffman Road. The Bethel Airport road is named the Chief Eddie Hoffman Road. (§ 2 ch 86 SLA 1989)

Revisor's notes. — Enacted as AS 35.40.035. Re-numbered in 1989. connection with the enactment of this section, see § 1, ch. 86, SLA 1989 in the Temporary and Special Acts.
Cross references. — For legislative findings in

Sec. 35.40.070. Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway. The road connecting Nome and Teller is named the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway. (§ 1 ch 8 SLA 1991)

Sec. 35.40.075. Ina Johnston Bridge. Bridge number 1192 on Edgerton Park Road over the Little Susitna River is named Ina Johnston Bridge. (§ 1 ch 8 SLA 1991)

Sec. 35.40.080. Briggs Bridge. Bridge number 1739 on Eagle River Loop Road over the Eagle River is named the Briggs Bridge. (§ 1 ch 124 SLA 1992)

Sec. 35.40.085. Black veterans recognition bridge. Bridge number 503 on the Alaska Highway over the Gerstle River at milepost 1392 is named Black Veterans Recognition Bridge. (§ 2 ch 42 SLA 1993)

Cross references. — For statement of legislative purpose in enacting this section, see § 1, ch. 42, SLA 1993 in the Temporary and Special Acts. **Effective dates.** — Section 2, ch. 42, SLA 1993 which enacted this section, took effect on August 30 1993.

Sec. 35.40.090. Manvil H. Olson Bridge. Bridge number 1030 off Schrock Road over the Little Susitna River is named the Manvil H. Olson Bridge. (§ 1 ch 19 SLA 1994)

Effective dates. — Section 1, ch. 19, SLA 1994, which enacted this section, took effect on August 3, 1994.

Chapter 95. General Provisions.

Section
10. Purpose and intent
100. Definitions

Sec. 35.95.010. Purpose and intent. The purpose of AS 35.05, AS 35.10, AS 35.15, and AS 35.20 is to establish a public works department capable of carrying out a public works planning and construction program that will provide public buildings necessary to efficient government, and boat harbors, jetties, dikes and breakwaters necessary to the economy of Alaska communities, all of which is to the advantage and benefit of the general welfare of the public. (§ 2 art I title I ch 152 SLA 1957; am § 32 ch 71 SLA 1972)