

**HB**

**374**

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Representative Ken Lancaster  
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February 11, 2002

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative <sup>Vic</sup> Kohring, Chairman  
House Transportation Committee

From: Representative <sup>Ken</sup> Lancaster

Subject: House Bill 374

I want to thank you for having a committee hearing on House Bill 374 – Naming the David Douthit Veterans' Memorial Bridge. Enclosed is a sponsor statement and a Soldotna City Council Resolution supporting this legislation.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know. Thank you!

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Sponsor Statement for

HB 374

"An Act naming the David Douthit Veterans' Memorial Bridge"

There has been a request to name the bridge that crosses the Kenai River at mile 80 of the Sterling highway (currently the Kenai River Bridge) to the David Douthit Veterans' memorial bridge.

David Douthit was the only Alaskan killed during the Persian Gulf War. He was a Staff Sergeant serving in the Marine Corp. He was a Calvary Scout serving on a gunner tank. David was killed in action February 27, 1991. He is survived by his wife Jesse and a small daughter, Rebecca, along with his parents, Nita and Harvey Douthit all residing in Soldotna.

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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: HB 374  
 (H) Publish Date: 2/20/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF  
 Title An Act naming the David Douthit BR'J Highways and Aviation  
Veterans' Memorial Bridge Component Central Region Highways and Aviation  
 Sponsor Lancaster  
 Requester House Transportation Component No. 564

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0  
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

The department expects to install one sign on either end of the bridge. Production and installation costs approximately \$1500/sign. The department will absorb this cost in our annual maintenance program.

Prepared by: Dennis R. Poshard, Assistant to Commissioner Phone 465-3904  
 Division: Commissioner's Office Date/Time 2/19/02 11:54 AM  
 Approved by: Joseph L. Perkins, Commissioner Date 2/19/2002  
 Agency: Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

## CITY OF SOLDOTNA

## RESOLUTION 2001-93

*(Requested by Mayor Carey)*A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KENAI RIVER BRIDGE IN SOLDOTNA  
BE NAMED THE DAVID DOUTHIT VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, David Douthit, a graduate of Soldotna High School, was the only Alaskan killed in action on February 27, 1991 during the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, residents of Soldotna have served gallantly and honorably in the United States military since we have become a city; and

WHEREAS, the city council approved a motion during their meeting on October 20, 2001 asking that the Kenai River Bridge in Soldotna be named the David Douthit Veterans Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Soldotna Representative Lancaster has agreed to work on this project in the State Legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA:

Section 1. The City of Soldotna requests that the Soldotna Bridge across the Kenai River be named:

THE DAVID DOUTHIT VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

Section 2. This resolution becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

*David R. Carey*  
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David R. Carey, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Patricia C. Burdick*  
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Patricia C. Burdick, CMC, City Clerk