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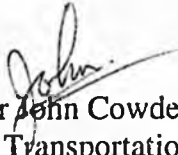
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
Representative Ken Lancaster
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April 15, 2002

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator  John Cowdery, Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee

From:  Representative Ken Lancaster

Subject: House Bill 374 – Naming the David Douthit Veterans' Memorial Bridge

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: H3374
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
 Title An Act naming the David Douthit BRU 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						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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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)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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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 12th day of December, 2001.

David R. Carey
David R. Carey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

Subject: House Bill Names Bridge to Honor Soldotna Soldier

Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2002 19:05:59 -0900

From: Dan Saddler <Dan_Saddler@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: House Majority

Alaska State Legislature
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 13, 2002
CONTACT: Rep. Ken Lancaster, (907) 465-2693

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"David Douthit was the only Alaskan killed during the Persian Gulf War," Lancaster said. "He died for h's country -- for our country -- on Feb. 27, 1991, serving on a Bradley fighting vehicle as a gunner. David was a good friend and neighbor of mine for many years in Soldotna, and this bill is supported by the local community and by the local veterans."

Douthit was a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his widow, Jessie, and their daughter, Rebecca; and by his parents, Nita and Harvey Douthit.

HB 374 was passed unanimously by the House. The bill moves next to the Senate for consideration.

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