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 Title Name Bridge for James Bondsteel BRU Central Region Highways & Aviation
 Component Central Region Highways & Aviation
 Sponsor Rules by Request of Governor
 Requester _____ 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)
 This bill will require the department to install 2 traffic signs on a bridge. The cost will be absorbed by our Central Region highways and aviation sign budget.

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January 29, 2002

The Honorable Rick Halford
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear President Halford:

I am pleased to transmit this bill that recognizes James Leroy Bondsteel. This veteran and Alaska Medal of Honor recipient lost his life on a Glenn Highway bridge crossing the Knik River. Veterans join me in supporting this proposal to rename this bridge the Sergeant James Bondsteel Bridge of Honor.

James Leroy Bondsteel was born on July 18, 1947 in Jackson, Michigan. He died in a traffic accident on April 9, 1987 on bridge number 1121 on the Glenn Highway while returning to his home in Houston.

Mr. Bondsteel contributed greatly to his country during three tours of duty during the Vietnam War. As a Staff Sergeant, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his conspicuous gallantry for actions in battle on May 24, 1969. In that battle he destroyed 10 enemy bunkers and rallied his troops despite his own wounds.

Mr. Bondsteel remained in the Army after his Vietnam service. He was an infantry training instructor and a mentor to younger troops. He retired from the Army in the mid-1980s and moved to Alaska to work, first as a counselor at the Wasilla Vet Center and later for the U.S. Veteran's Administration in Anchorage. At the time of his death, Mr. Bondsteel left behind a wife and two young daughters. He is buried at the Ft. Richardson National Cemetery.

Fellow veterans on the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council asked that the state name bridge number 1121 in honor of Mr. Bondsteel. This gesture would be a fitting tribute to the memory of this Alaska hero while recognizing the sacrifices all veterans have made for our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Knowles".
Tony Knowles
Governor