

**SB**

**176**

SENATOR KIM ELTON  
**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 21, 2005  
**TO:** Senator Gene Therriault, Chair  
Senate State Affairs Committee  
**FROM:** Senator ~~Kim Elton~~  
**SUBJ:** Hearing Request for SB 176, an Act naming the Charles Gamble Jr. -  
Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility in Juneau.

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I respectfully request a hearing for SB 176, requesting that the Joint Use Facility/UAS Student Recreation Center/National Guard Readiness Center be named after Charles Gamble Jr. and Donald Sperl, two Juneau men who lost their lives in combat during the Vietnam war.

I ask that you hear SB 30 at your earliest convenience.



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**SB 176**  
**Sponsor Statement**

*"An Act naming the Charles Gamble Jr. - Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility in Juneau."*

Charles Gamble Jr. and Donald Sperl were two young graduates of Juneau-Douglas High School. Both young men lived their entire lives in Juneau. Both men joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam. Both men were killed in the line of duty at age 20 within months of each other.

The Joint Use Facility/UAS Student Recreation Center/National Guard Readiness Center is under construction and due to be completed July 2005. The facility was built with combined federal, state and university funds for a total of \$16.3 million.

To name the joint use facility after these two young men would show our respect to their dedication and would honor them for their service to our country. Neither young man had a chance to live out his life but their names would live on and serve as a reminder of honor and duty to all.

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Presented by: Assembly  
Introduced: 04/11/2005  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 2306**

**A Resolution Requesting that the Army National Guard Name  
the New National Guard Readiness Center After Donald W.  
Sperl and Charles F. Gamble, Jr.**

WHEREAS, Juneau-Douglas High School graduates Donald W. Sperl and Charles F. Gamble, Jr., died serving our country in the Vietnam war; and

WHEREAS, both of these two Juneau residents are listed on the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, and are the only two soldiers listed from Juneau, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army National Guard and the University of Alaska Southeast are building a joint UAS Student Recreation Center and Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard will have to name the new "Readiness Center" facility; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to name the new facility after these two young men who gave their lives for their country.

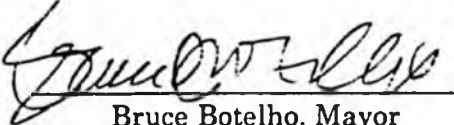
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau respectfully requests that the U.S. Army National Guard name the new Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center in honor of these two Juneau men, Donald W. Sperl and Charles F. Gamble, Jr.

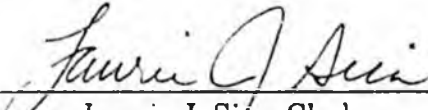
**Section 2.** Copies of Resolution 2306 shall be provided to the University of Alaska Southeast and the Alaska Army National Guard.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

  
Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:

  
Laurie J. Sica, Clerk