

SB

131

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Statement

SB 131: "Naming Pacillo Parking Garage"

Senate Bill 131 would name the new state parking garage in Anchorage in honor of Carolyn 'Linny' Pacillo. Linny was a constant positive force for change in Anchorage, and it is only fitting that the new parking garage bear her name.

Linny moved to Homer, Alaska with her family in September of 1974. She worked in numerous restaurants, fished on salmon tenders in Bristol Bay and crab boats in the Bering Sea and built and operated the first mobile espresso stand in Alaska "Not the Same Old Grind". In 1988, Linny moved to Anchorage to run the family gas station, Courtney's on Tudor Road. Linny was a champion of "the Little Guy" and a voice for ordinary citizens. Throughout her life she raised money and awareness for many causes and charities including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Food Bank of Alaska, Alaska Women's Aid in Crisis, Standing Together Against Rape, Challenge-Alaska, American Lung Association of Alaska, and the March of Dimes, among others. She also bought and delivered a water supply pump to a small village in Nicaragua, and quietly aided thousands of individuals with a tank of gas, a clean coat, a safe place to sleep, and a hot meal.

Linny, along with her sister Susan, challenged the Anchorage Parking Authority by donning tutus and fairy-wings and depositing coins into expired parking meters. Linny was an agent of change leaving compassion, humor, and a profound change in her wake. The Twentieth Alaska State Legislature formally honored the Parking Fairies and stated, "The Pacillo sisters have reminded all of us that government must serve the people. They have also confirmed the strength of our democracy by showing that wrongs can be corrected, and that the will of the people can triumph."

The Linny Pacillo Parking Garage would serve as a reminder that we live in a representative democracy that honors its agents of change. It would serve to honor Linny's tireless efforts to improve the parking experience of Anchorage residents and its visitors. I ask you to support SB 131, and recognize this extraordinary Alaskan's life.

FISCAL NOTE

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 Component Facilities Administration
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Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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

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1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0
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 Agency: Department of Administration

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER SULLIVAN;
Mayor Begich

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel
For reading: February 27, 2007

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APPROVED

Date: 2-27-07

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2007-60

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY FOR SUBMISSION
2 TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF NAMING
3 THE STATE'S NEW PARKING GARAGE IN DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE IN HONOR
4 OF CAROLYN "LINNY" PACILLO.

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6 WHEREAS, the new State Parking Garage under construction in downtown
7 Anchorage north of the Atwood Building is a state parking facility; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Twenty-fifth Alaska State Legislature has full legislative authority to
10 name state facilities; and

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12 WHEREAS, by resolution dated December 19, 2006 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE
13 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN
14 "LINNY" PACILLO AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS SHE MADE TOWARD THE BETTERMENT OF THE
15 MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE", the Anchorage Municipal Assembly unanimously recognized
16 and honored the passing of a uniquely influential Anchorage resident, Linny Pacillo; and

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18 WHEREAS, widely known around Anchorage as one of the "Parking Fairies", Linny
19 Pacillo served the community as an agent of change, adorned in a tutu and fairy-wings,
20 leaving compassion, humor, and profound change in her wake; and

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22 WHEREAS, in co-sponsoring the December 19, 2006 resolution, the Mayor of
23 Anchorage and the Anchorage Municipal Assembly concurred in recognizing that
24 "seemingly small acts of purposeful altruism" like those of Linny Pacillo "can alter
25 government policy and make life better for individuals living in a democratic society"; and

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27 WHEREAS, during her lifetime, the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature formally
28 honored Linny Pacillo and her sister Susan Pacillo for reminding all of us that "government
29 must serve the people"; and

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31 WHEREAS, in the words of this prior state legislature, the actions of the Pacillo
32 sisters "confirmed the strength of our democracy by showing that wrongs can be corrected
33 and the will of the people can triumph"; and

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35 WHEREAS, to honor Linny Pacillo, her family, and the Municipality of Anchorage by
36 designating the new State Parking Garage in her memory would serve to recognize this
37 exceptional citizen and remind us all that we live in a representative democracy that
38 honors its agents of change;

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1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly
2 honors and remembers the positive impacts and profound influence of Carolyn "Linny"
3 Pacillo's life by giving its support and recommendation to the Twenty-fifth Alaska State
4 Legislature to name the new State Parking Garage, under construction in downtown
5 Anchorage, in her memory.
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7 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27th day of
8 February, 2007.
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13 *Dan Sullivan*
14 Chair

15 ATTEST:

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Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
Agenda Document Control Sheet

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(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT NAMING THE STATE'S NEW PARKING GARAGE	DATE PREPARED 2/27/07
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Dan Sullivan, Chairman
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Julia Tucker, Assembly Counsel	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 343-4419
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
	Mayor	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Employee Relations	
	Municipal Manager	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Police	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Public Works	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Transit	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Executive Manager	
	Community Planning & Development	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Management Information Services	
	Property & Facility Management	
	Purchasing	
	Other	
5	Special Instructions/Comments	
	ADDENDUM - CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION	
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 2/27/07	7
		PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED N/A

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THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE



^ HONORING ^

^ LINDY PACILLO AND SUSAN PACILLO ^

^ A.K.A. "THE PARKING FAIRIES" ^

The members of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature take pride in honoring Lindy Pacillo and Susan Pacillo for demonstrating that "government of the people, by the people, for the people has not perished from the earth." The Pacillo sisters, by their acts of volunteer service, have reminded us that government must serve the people.

Both Lindy and Susan, dressing in outrageous costumes and calling themselves "The Parking Fairies," travel the downtown streets of Anchorage depositing coins into expired parking meters. These acts of kindness and charity were painted as acts of sedition and defiance by a government agency that was using civil penalties as a revenue generating process. The aggressiveness of this agency in seeking out and enforcing civil penalties was completely counter to government's mandate to serve the people.

Our Declaration of Independence states that, "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their power from the consent of the governed, that whenever any government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it." By their actions, the Pacillo sisters have reminded all of us that government must serve the people. They have also confirmed the strength of our democracy by showing that wrongs can be corrected, and that the will of the people can triumph.

The Twentieth Alaska State Legislature salutes Lindy Pacillo and Susan Pacillo for their conduct as "The Parking Fairies." It is gratifying to have witnessed their course of action. Our confidence in the democratic form of government is reaffirmed.



Gail Phillips
GAIL PHILLIPS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Mike Miller
MIKE MILLER
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Dec. January 21, 1998

Frank Johnson
FRANK JOHNSON
PRIME SPONSOR

Cosponsors: Representatives Berkowitz, Dwyer, East, Davis, Entwistle, Hodgson, Ivers, James, Kelly, Kempton, Kroll, Kubacki, Nisholts, O'Garra, Rokelberg, Ryan, Souders, Thiermann, Veroy, Williams; Senators Ellis, Douglas, Taylor, Kelly, Pence, Green, Duncan, Hoffman, Holland, Mackie, Lincoln.

Anchorage's own superhero wore a tutu**COMPASS: POINTS OF VIEW FROM THE COMMUNITY**

By ANDREE McLEOD AND PATRICK McLEOD

(Published: November 25, 2006)

Heaven had better have its house in order because Linny is a -comin'! One of our beloved Parking Fairies, Linny Pacillo, has traded in her fairy wings for angel wings and Anchorage has lost one of its most endearing public leaders.

Linny's leadership involved a rather unorthodox, meticulously sophisticated, in-your-face kind of style. Linny knew what was right and what was wrong. And she knew it was right to challenge authority when it was wrong.

The large sign at Courtney's on Tudor, her family's gas station where she worked, was a daily testament of her beliefs and a venue for speaking her piece about the injustices and wrongs in the world. The status quo was confronted every day. Commuters got into the habit of reading Linny's sign to see what was up and have a belly laugh.

Linny had courage, which was tested often by people holding positions of power. When she took on the institutions and businesses that attempted to pilfer the pockets of ordinary citizens, she was subjected to threats and intimidations that would have scared most people. But Linny was indomitable and persistently attended public meeting after meeting while continuing to delight by putting nickels and quarters in parking meters.

Linny and her sister Susan took on the Parking Authority and won like Olympic gymnasts: making it look easy and fun. Well, not fun for everyone. There are people who bristle still at the mention of Linny.

It's safe to say that if you wanted to ignore Linny you found out soon enough that discounting her was not an option. Just ask a few former Assembly members and a mayor or two. She had a knack for telling people to ... uh ... "go fly a kite" and getting away with it. She conducted her campaign like she lived her life -- on her own terms, regardless of what politicians or bureaucrats thought.

Children loved her because she was a real-life superhero: an honest -to-goodness fairy dressed with a tutu, tights, a set of sparkling wings and an animated out-of-this-world way of talking. She would lavish praise on them as she mentored the many who came in to buy a candy bar or soda. She would discuss with them whatever was on their minds. They always had questions for her because she had a gift for stimulating children's curiosity. She taught them one of life's important lessons: not to spare a minute of the day being idle.

Albert Schweitzer said, "Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing." Linny showed us how to be good citizens. She was generous with her time and energy, engaging in a righteous power struggle with an exploitative and oppressive public institution. Her goal was to win back a fundamental right for the people of Anchorage, and in the end she won.

Recognition of Linny's generosity of spirit was the source of the great public affection felt toward her. A genuine leader, Linny never forgot or disregarded the many friends who helped along the way.

So long, our dear, beautiful, sweet, fiery friend. Though you no longer walk and laugh among us, your blazing spirit will live on in the hearts of many and the minds of untold thousands whose lives (and downtown parking experiences) were enhanced because of you. You are forever Anchorage's symbol representing the strength of common people fighting for their interests and the reality that all we need to do in order to improve our community is to have the courage to begin to struggle and the sense of humor to persevere in that struggle until we win.

Fairy dust

Pacillo Parking Garage? Perfect

At just nine lines of type, it's one of the shortest bills you'll ever see proposed in the Alaska Legislature. And one of the sweetest.

Anchorage Sen. Johnny Ellis has a bill that would name the new state parking garage under construction across the street from the Atwood Building in downtown Anchorage for the late Linny Pacillo. Ms. Pacillo and her sister, Susan, helped temper the zeal of ruthless parking police in the 1990s by dressing as fairies and putting change in expired parking meters to spare drivers those \$10 tickets.

The bill commends Linny Pacillo for being "an agent of change through small acts of purposeful altruism."

How true. The parking fairies' protest was kind, funny, theatrical and devastating to an Anchorage Parking Authority that had become an aggravation to citizens. In 1997, voters said enough and stripped the authority of its power to write parking tickets.

To name a parking garage for Linny Pacillo shows a fine appreciation for the sisters' civic action — and a fine sense of humor too. Passage should be unanimous.

BOTTOM LINE: Linny Pacillo Parking Garage — now there's a memorial.

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Honoring a parking fairy



by Maria Downey
Thursday, April 26, 2007

JUNEAU, Alaska -- The '90s were a tense time in downtown Anchorage -- the parking authority was writing parking tickets plenty and often.

Some called it unfair and too aggressive as a way to generate more revenue.

The '90s were a tense time in downtown Anchorage -- the parking authority was writing parking tickets plenty and often. (KTUU-TV)

It was also the days of the parking fairies -- two sisters, rebels with a cause. Now there is a bill in the state senate to honor one posthumously with a very ironic dedication.



Linny and Susan Pacillo, better known as the parking fairies, were two sisters who simply had enough of the unforgiving ticket writers downtown.

So in what they thought was a one-day event, they took to the streets with lots of coins and raced the parking officers to expired meters.

"We tried talking to them like normal citizens dressed in business suits and what not and they didn't want to listen, so it was kind of an in your face creative conflict resolution with some random act of kindness thrown in with it," Susan Pacillo said.

Linny and Susan Pacillo, better known as the parking fairies, were two sisters who simply had enough of the unforgiving ticket writers downtown. (KTUU-TV)

She refers to herself as the retired, but not expired parking fairy.



Her sister Linny passed away last November, gone but not forgotten.

Sen. Johnny Ellis, D-Anchorage, introduced a bill to name the state's new parking garage after Linny.

"Linny was constant positive force for change in Anchorage and I think it's only fitting that we rename the downtown parking garage or having it bear her name," Ellis said.

Linny passed away last November, gone but not forgotten. (KTUU-TV)

Bill 131 proposes to name the state's new parking garage after a

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Susan Pacillo thought the ironic tribute would make her sister laugh. (Jason Kohler/KTUU-TV)

woman who pushed for change and got it, when Anchorage voters abolished the workings of the parking authority.

The bill is also supported by the Anchorage Assembly.

"So regardless what side you were on there, I think you can admire the stick-to-it-ness and the passion of the folks who said government has gone too far in this regard," Ellis said.

Andree McLeod supports the bill.

"Exercising her right of critical democracy showed others to be good citizens. She was a model to all who wanted to improve various governmental processes," McLeod said.

Also involved through a teleconferenced hearing, was Susan Pacillo at the Legislative Information Office in Anchorage.

"My sister Linny would probably find the irony in this kind of fun," Pacillo said. "She stood up against bureaucracy and big government. We were the voice of the people -- period. That's all there is to it. And so I hope this goes forward and you can honor my sister on a parking garage. Ha!"

Linny was known for helping those in need with free gas and other donations. (Courtesy Photo)

"I think it's very ironic Linny will find it pretty funny I'm sure she's probably up there rolling," Pacillo said.

Linny was also recognized today for her many other random acts of kindness associated with her family's gas station, Courtney's.

She was known for helping those in need with free gas and other donations.

The bill did clear it through committee with one minor amendment -- to call it the Linny Pacillo parking garage instead of the Carolyn "Linny" Pacillo parking garage.

The bill still has to go to the full Senate and the House.

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May 8, 2007

The Honorable Johnny Ellis
Alaska Senate
State Capitol, Room 9
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Carolyn Pacillo

Dear Senator Ellis:

Regarding your recent inquiry concerning Carolyn Pacillo's Alaska Student Loan account, I can tell you that the account was paid in full effective October 9, 1997.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Diane Barrans
Executive Director

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