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**131**

(AMENDED)  
SENATE BILL NO. 131

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS ELLIS BY REQUEST, Dyson

Introduced: 3/21/07  
Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act naming the state parking garage being constructed in Anchorage north of the  
2 Robert B. Atwood Building as the ~~Carolyn~~ Linny Pacillo Parking Garage."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 \* Section 1. AS 35.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5           Sec. 35.40.205. ~~Carolyn~~ Linny Pacillo Parking Garage. The state parking  
6 garage being constructed in Anchorage north of the Robert B. Atwood Building is  
7 named the ~~Carolyn~~ Linny Pacillo Parking Garage. The name of the facility honors  
8 ~~Carolyn~~ Linny Pacillo, one of the original Anchorage "parking fairies," who served  
9 the community as an agent of change through small acts of purposeful altruism.

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER SULLIVAN;  
Mayor Begich

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel

For reading: February 27, 2007

CLERK'S OFFICE

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 profourd 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
8 February, 2007.  
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13 Alan Sullivan  
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# THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE



^ HONORING ^

^ LINNY PACILLO AND SUSAN PACILLO ^

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

The members of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature take pride in honoring Linny 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 Linny 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 Linny 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

Date: January 21, 1998

*Fred Dyson*  
FRED DYSON  
PRIME SPONSOR

Cosponsors: Representatives Berkowitz, Dine, Croff, Dero, Grossenbut, Hodgins, Ivon, James, Kelly, Kumpfen, Kott, Kubisa, Nicholas, Ogan, Rokelberg, Ryan, Sanders, Thernston, Veroy, Williams; Senators Ellis, Douglas, Taylor, Kelly, Pearce, Green, Duncan, Hoffman, Hallford, Mackie, Lincoln

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Sponsor



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 Carolyn '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.

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

AR 2007-60

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

<b>1</b>	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT <b>NAMING THE STATE'S NEW PARKING GARAGE</b>	DATE PREPARED <b>2/27/07</b>
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
<b>2</b>	DEPARTMENT NAME <b>Assembly</b>	DIRECTOR'S NAME <b>Dan Sullivan, Chairman</b>
<b>3</b>	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY <b>Julia Tucker, Assembly Counsel</b>	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER <b>343-4419</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY</b>	<b>INITIALS</b>
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	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	
<b>5</b>	<b>Special Instructions/Comments</b>	
	ADDENDUM - CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION	
<b>6</b>	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED <b>2/27/07</b>	<b>7</b>
		PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <b>N/A</b>

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Submitted by: Mayor Begich and Assemblymembers  
SULLIVAN, Fairclough, Bauer, Birch, Coffey, Jennings,  
Ossiander, Shamberg, Stout, Tesche, and Traini  
Prepared by: Office of the Municipal Clerk  
For reading: December 19, 2006

**CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**APPROVED**

Date: 12-19-06 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2006-326 (S)

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND  
2 REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN "LINNY" PACILLO AND THE  
3 CONTRIBUTIONS SHE MADE TOWARD THE BETTERMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
4 ANCHORAGE.

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6 WHEREAS, Carolyn "Linny" Pacillo, an Anchorage resident and political activist,  
7 passed away on November 17, 2006 after a lengthy illness; and

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9 WHEREAS, she was widely known around Anchorage as one of the 'Parking Fairies'  
10 who fought authority with a tutu and fairie wings; and

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12 WHEREAS, her acts of civil disobedience reflected her desire to help her neighbors by  
13 influencing local politics through compassion and humor – these acts, and the manner by  
14 which they were applied – won her the affection of many Anchorage citizens; and

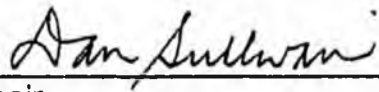
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16 WHEREAS, her actions have helped to illustrate that seemingly small acts of  
17 purposeful altruism can alter government policy and make life better for individuals living in a  
18 democratic society; and

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20 WHEREAS, she is remembered by her family as being "a generous, kind, courageous,  
21 caring individual. She was a community activist, not afraid to challenge authority when  
22 necessary with incessant civil disobedience. She lived life on her own terms with a uniquely  
23 genuine sense of humor. She gave generously of herself to everyone she met."

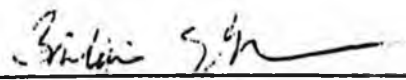
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25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly honors and  
26 remembers the positive impacts, and influential life, of

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28 **Carolyn "Linny" Pacillo**

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31 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
32 2006.

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36 Chair

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41 Municipal Clerk

**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.



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"Partners in building community for all Alaskans..."

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March 14, 2007

Rod Moline, Director  
Division of Senior and Disabilities Services,  
Department of Health & Social Services  
PO Box 110680  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rod,

On behalf of AADD I am respectfully asking you to bring to the Commissioner of Health and Social Services our request to withdraw the Proposed Changes to Regulations 7 AAC 43 Medical Assistance, Home and Community-Based Waiver Services that extends the rate freeze/moratorium until July 1, 2008. This would be the fourth consecutive year of such a rate freeze and would simply continue the steady erosion of our community programs that individuals rely on for essential support.

The following items are only a sampling of the negative impact of this rate freeze, which is compounded each year:

**Impact on workforce development:** We are experiencing extreme difficulty in recruiting and retaining staff; lower service delivery, some individuals unserved; excessive turnover; related expense in training/clearing (background checks) employees; staff making lower take home wages as a result of no salary increases and greater co-pays for health insurance coupled with decreases in coverage.

**Overwhelming challenges to meet escalating cost of living:** Utility increases particularly heating costs, transportation costs including escalating fuel prices, worker's compensation premiums, significant increases in providing health insurance and related benefits, failure to adjust all aspects of cost of living increases, repair and maintenance, both for household and vehicle, travel and supplies.

**Significant impact on families and consumers:** lower utilization rates ultimately penalize families and consumers when an agency's inability to offer reasonable wages to secure and maintain an adequate workforce causes shortages, decreased utilization also contributes to inability to cover fixed costs and consequent erosion of infrastructure that impacts quality for families and individuals.

**Disparity and inequity between community service providers and providers of Long Term Care:** the lack of a "process" for community providers that governs an annual rate review with adjustments, lack of an advisory body such as the Medical Rate Advisory Committee that has been in existence for Long Term Care for reviewing and adjusting rates results in community wages falling significantly behind with additional loss in benefits.

AADD adamantly opposes the extension of the rate moratorium predicated on the already devastating effects of the past three years.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Lee  
President