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Representative Jay Ramras
District 10

Sponsor Statement HB 345 Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge

HB 345 gives the name the "Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge" to a bridge that will be built at mile post 308 on the Dalton Highway. Sam Schuyler was a well loved and respected Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) employee who spent his entire career working along the Dalton Highway. Sam began his career with DOT&PF as a heavy equipment operator at the Jim River Maintenance Station, milepost 135 of the Dalton Highway.

Sam immediately exhibited a spirited tenacity that set him apart from his peers. This trait caused Sam's career to rise rapidly. He was promoted to Foreman of the Jim River Maintenance Station and from there he quickly became the Dalton District Roving Foreman. In this position, Sam frequented every mile of the Dalton Highway and he was personally involved in the everyday functions of each maintenance camp.

Throughout Sam's storied career, he routinely placed the needs of friends and coworkers ahead of his own. He based his leadership on the principle "lead by example." Sam never asked an employee to take on a job he would not do himself. His men knew him well and respected him immensely.

Sam was dedicated to the Dalton Highway, often personally overseeing a project to ensure that the job was completed on time and within budget. This dedication is reflected in Sam's favorite saying, "Get 'er Done!" This often-used phrase, coupled with another favorite saying, "Can Do!" earned Sam the respect of other maintenance workers and the respect of the famous Dalton Highway truckers.

Sam's work ethic and his heartfelt commitment to improving the Dalton Highway are appreciated by travelers who drive this road today. He left the Dalton Highway in a much better condition than he found it.

Sam's life ended unexpectedly on January 1, 2007. He was still a DOT&PF employee when he passed away.

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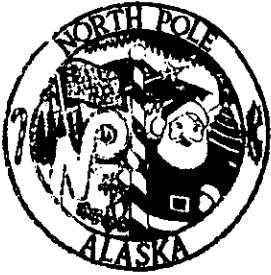


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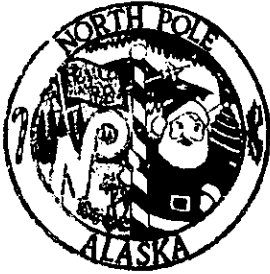


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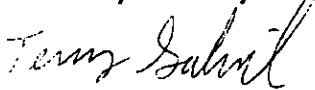
To whom it may concern:

As a seventeen year employee of the great state of Alaska, I write you today to request recognition be given to a dear friend of mine. It is the feeling of myself and many of my fellow truck drivers of the Dalton Highway that the new bridge to be put in at mile 314 over Ox Bow Creek (bill #345 in the house, bill #280 in the Senate) should be named to memorialize Sam Schuyler (known to his good friends as Kubalack). Unfortunately Sam's life was cut short in January of 2007 which was a shame, for all the good he did in life.

Not only was he a driving force behind keeping the Dalton Highway running smoothly. He was also known to have a heart nearly as large as the massive area he was in charge of. Sam was well known for being the guy to call when you were stuck on the side of the road in a blow. He was also quick to volunteer as a Santa Clause or give his home as a place of refuge whenever the need would arise. The loss of Sam Schuyler was truly a loss to the DOT as well. A state employee for 24 years and foreman of the Dalton for 18, life just hasn't been the same since our loss of Sam.

In a state full of nameless bridges over Gold Creeks, Bear Creeks and Sheep Creeks, a "Sam Schuyler memorial bridge" crossing over Ox Bow Creek just seem the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter



Terry Gabriel

Alaska Trucking Companies employees in favor of naming the Ox Bow Creek Bridge after Samuel Schuyler:

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3. Wayne Lindquist
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5. Edward Taylor David Taylor
6. Conic Reins
7. William Goff
8. Julia Somtay
9. Mark MARTIN FREY
10. Mark Marcus Lucas Lambert
11. John King Jarvis King
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We, the employees of DOT&PF Northern Region Maintenance & Operations, support the dedication of the Sam Schuyler Bridge on the Dalton Highway.

Sam was an integral part of our staff for 23 years; he is missed personally and professionally. During his entire career with DOT&PF, Sam worked the length of the Dalton Highway. He knew every part of the highway, tackling some of the worst weather conditions in Northern Region, and in the world, on a regular basis. Countless times during Sam's career he left the warmth and comfort of the Maintenance Station to head out in whiteout conditions to rescue a stranded trucker or motorist.

Sam was well-liked and friendly. He was a strong leader and an excellent equipment operator. Sam made the workplace enjoyable; he always had a smile on his face and he would give the shirt off his back or the bunny boots off his feet to help a friend or stranger in need. Sam was a genuinely good person.

Sincerely,

Angel Montalvo
Arleen Burgess
Barry Wilson
Bert Harold
Brian Goss
Bruce Garey
Chris Niedorf
Dan Moody
Danny Cazac
Danny Stevens
David King
Dennis Lindeman
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