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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version CSHB 246(FIN)
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Identifier (file name) CSHB246-DOT-NRHA-2-13-12 Dept. Affected DOT&PF
 Title Naming Certain Bridges Appropriation Highways, Aviation and Facilities
 Allocation Northern Region Highways & Aviation

Sponsor Rep. Bill Thomas
 Requester H FIN OMB Component Number 2068

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities	93.7		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	93.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	93.7		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037 GF/MH (UGF)							
1178 temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL	93.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS	Full-time	Part-time	Temporary				
CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required,
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section))

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs _____ (separate capital appropriation required,
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section))

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)
The committee substitute rolls in HB 248 and HB 249 into HB 246.

Prepared by Brenda Hewitt, Legislative Liaison Phone 465-4772
 Division Commissioner's Office Date/Time 2/13/12 12:52 PM
 Approved by Pat Kemp Date 2/13/2012
Deputy Commissioner

Analysis

There are 15 bridges listed in CSHB246. Each bridge would require two signs, one on each end identifying it to travelers.

By regulation each sign, per MUTCD (Manual Uniform on Traffic Control Devices) is white letters on blue background. Posts are required to be 3" x 3" tube steel w/frangible couplings. Posts must be set in concrete for breakaway performance. (Augured hole must be 12" diameter x 3' deep, minimum)
Sizes would be 24" tall x 96" long

Cost of material for each bridge sign is \$3,030
Total cost \$3,030/sign

30 bridge signs total (2 per bridge) **\$90,900**

Sign for Koyukuk Veterans' Station

This bill also authorizes in statute the name Koyukuk Station Veterans' Airport in Koyukuk. (formerly HB249)

TOTAL Cost for Sign Material **\$2,849**

This bill also authorizes in statute the name Minto-Al Wright Airport. It had been named by the community previously but was not in statute. It has an existing sign and would not require any additional signage. (formerly HB248)

Total for all signage \$93,749 (rounded down 93.7K)

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 246(FIN)
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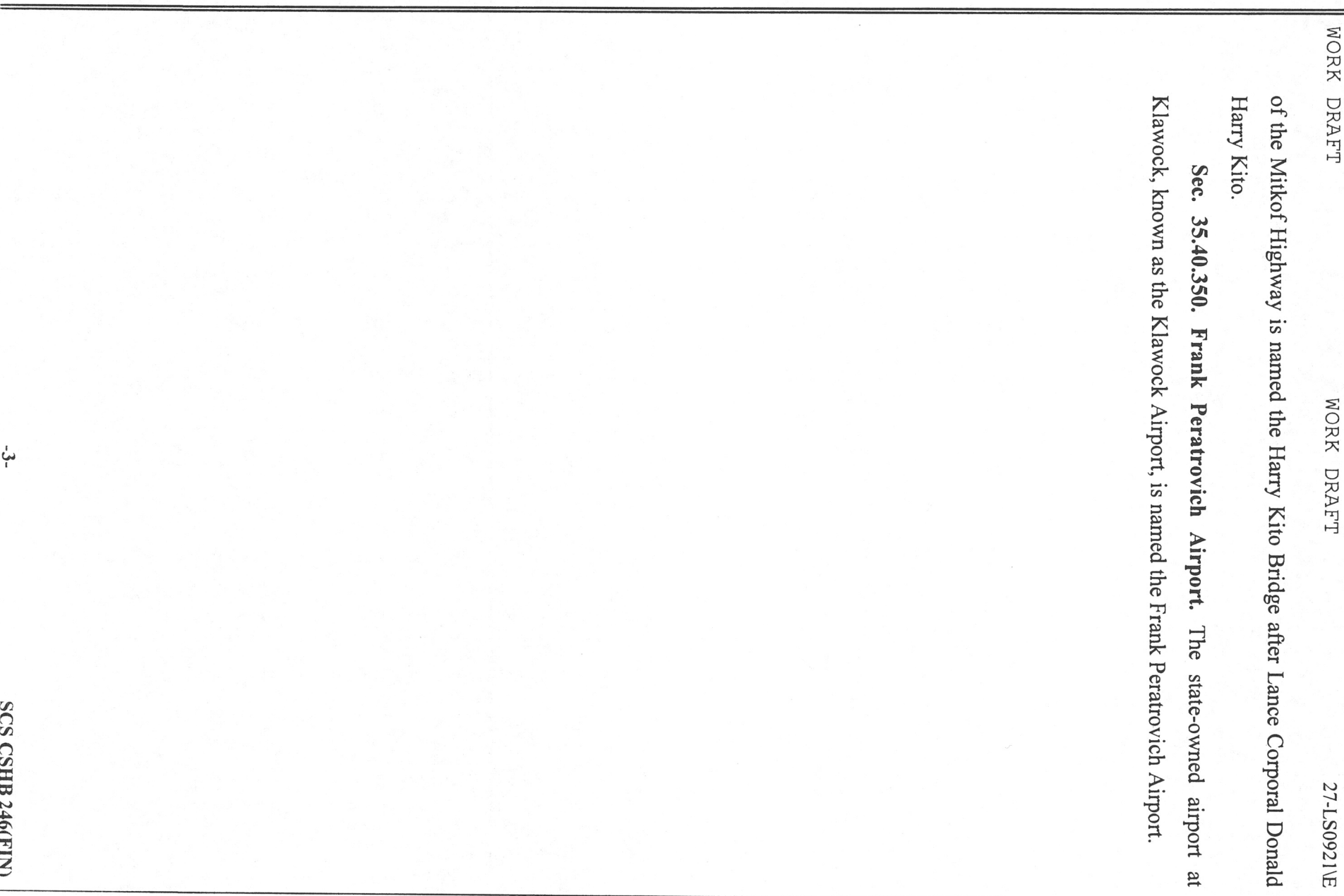
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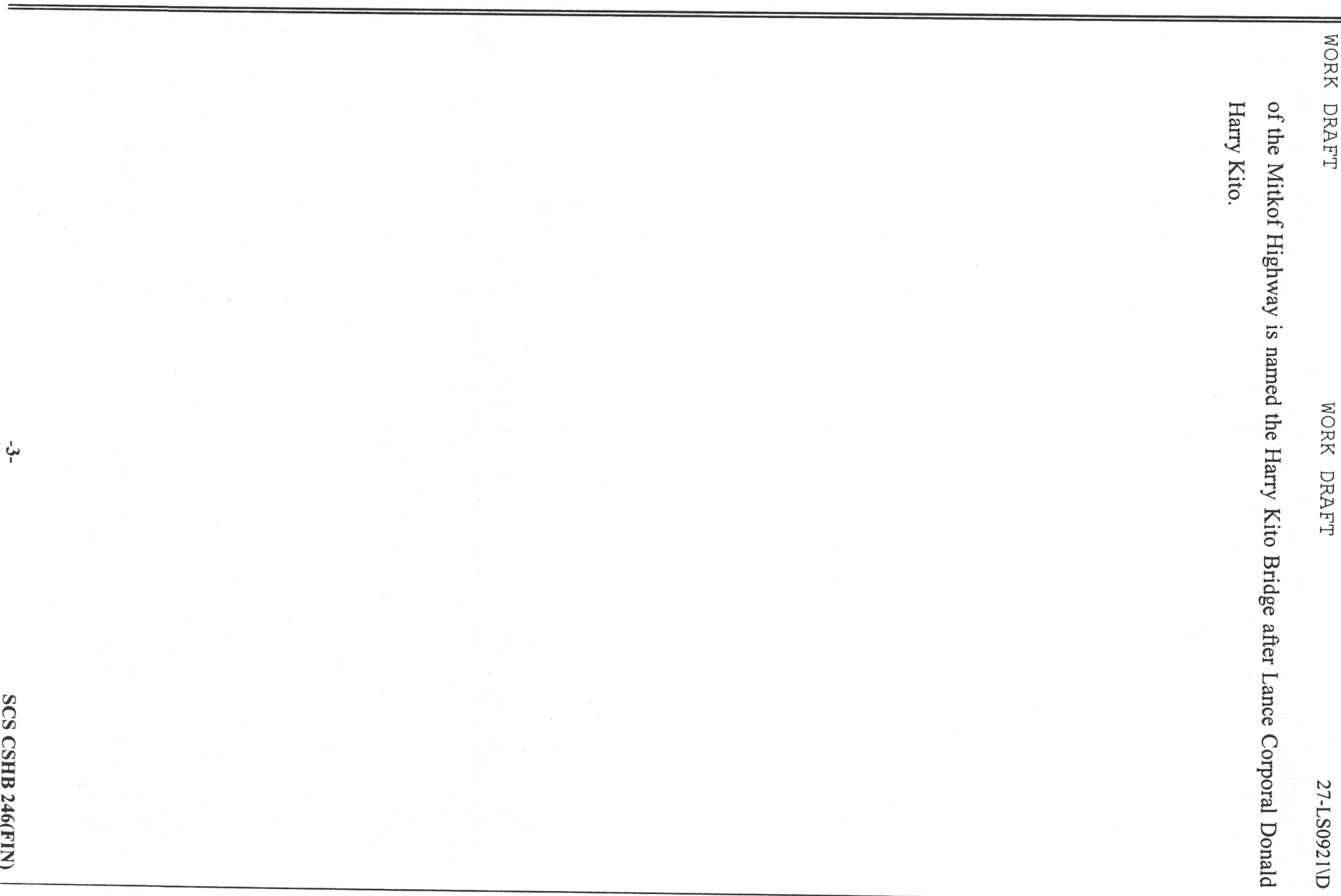
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State Capitol, Rm 505

Juneau, Alaska 99801



Representative Alan Dick

House District 6

State Capitol, Rm 104

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Sponsor Statement for

HB 246 An Act Naming Certain Bridges and Airports

Cordova is located in the Copper River Valley and its residents have a strong sense of duty. Duty to country and duty to their people. It is that sense of duty that has spurred the people of Cordova to serve in every major war of the 20th century. It is also that sense of duty that compelled an Eyak elder to nearly singlehandedly preserve the Eyak language for future generations. It is also this sense of duty that prompted the City of Cordova to ask the state to name 15 of its unnamed Cordova-area bridges after some of their finest residents.

In honor of the brave young men who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, the City of Cordova has requested that 14 of their unnamed bridges be named for each of the sons that they have lost. They are:

World War I

James Bennet
William M. Jones
Steve Green
Lucian Platt
Matthew Anderson
W.H. Mumby
John W. Jones

World War II

Patrick B. Burchett
Norman D. Osbourne
Leonard F. Olson

Vietnam

David Henry Elisovsky
David Allen Lape
Warren Allen Paulsen
Michael Dean Banta

The City of Cordova has also requested that the bridge over the Eyak River be named after Marie Smith Jones. Marie Smith Jones was an Eyak elder who worked tirelessly to preserve the Eyak language. She left behind one of the most comprehensive records of any aboriginal language that exists today.

Airports

Koyukuk Station Veterans' Airport

The original village of Koyukuk, primarily all Koyukon Athabascan Indians, was established around 1867. It used to be called Koyukuk Station, because a military telegraph line was constructed along the North side of the Yukon, and Koyukuk became

the site of the telegraph station. In naming the airport, the residents also wish to honor the many Native military veterans who have served their country.

The Koyukon Athabascans lived a subsistence lifestyle, moving among seasonal fish and game camps. They moved as the wild game migrated. Most of the people who settled here were from up the Koyukuk River, as far as the Dolbi River, which is close to Huslia. Even when people settled in Koyukuk they continued to travel up the Koyukuk to winter trapping camps and returned in the spring.

The Native name for Koyukuk is, Meneelghaadze T'oh. Meneelghaadze is the name of the mountain at Koyukuk. Madeline Solomon, now deceased Elder from Koyukuk, had said the mountain was named Meneelghaadze, because long ago, the Koyukon people used to go get clay at the mountain and mix with bird feathers to make clay pots. Eliza Jones an Elder from Koyukuk said that in Athabaskan, "T'oh" would be added on, meaning at the base of the mountain. Meneelghaadze T'oh means, "at the base of the Koyukuk Mountain."

Today Koyukuk people are still living a subsistence lifestyle. The main employment is the local government, clinic, school, store and any firefighting and construction seasonal jobs.

Minto - Al Wright Airport

The Wright family lived a subsistence lifestyle. In 1930 the family moved to Minto where his dad tried to start a school. When Al was nine, they moved to Nenana where his father started work in the shipyard.

Al was 15 when he started in construction on defense projects all over Interior Alaska. He had no formal training and learned as he went along. His skills were in high demand on the defense projects, however he wanted to join the Army. The only way he could leave his job was to quit the construction work and get drafted. When he got out of the Army, he found out he could get his pilot's license with the G.I. bill. He originally started for fun, but never got away from flying.

His first plane was a 65 Taylorcraft. One day a man asked to charter him to pick up furs. He said, "boy, this is the way to make money." From then on he started hauling trappers and developing a business. His first charter was \$20.00 an hour with fuel, plane and pilot. He taught himself to fly with floats. With no formal training, his first flight was to pick up a dying man in a Minto fish camp. He flew about 200 hours before he was forced to get an official float rating. He had trouble getting ratings and licenses, because he had little education. He struggled his whole life because he never learned how to read well, write or spell. He quit school after the sixth grade as he took on more seasonal work with the family.

Al started Wright's Air Service in 1950 which continued to grow in Interior Alaska. His focus was on maintaining high standards with maintenance and with his employees. He

was the critical link for scheduled mail and charter flights to about 20 villages. Wright's Air today is a well-known charter operation in the Interior, supporting government surveys, seasonal camps, firefighting, land surveying and hunting expeditions. In 1983 Al sold his airline to long-time friend and pilot, Bob Burcell. Bob continues to run the airline with the same old time values, kindness and respect Al had for his people and villages.

Naming these bridges and airports after some of Alaska's finest residents is the least we can do to thank them for their service and their sacrifice. We urge your support of HB 246.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS
COMMISSION



THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

Leonard F. Olson

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army

Service # 39199039

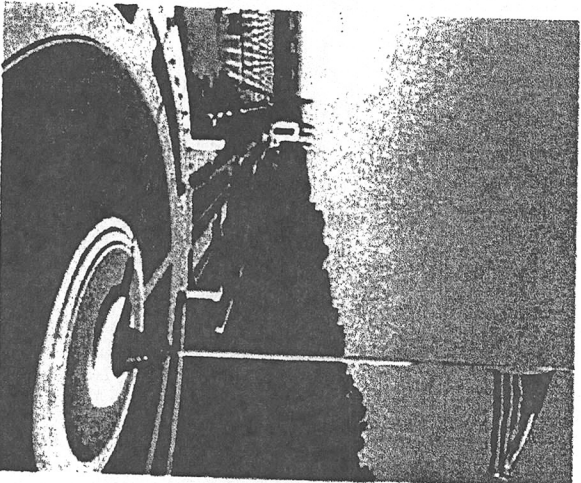
328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry
Division

Entered the Service from: Washington

Died: 25-Apr-45

Buried at: Plot E Row 5 Grave 15
Cambridge American Cemetery
Cambridge, England

Awards: Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf
Clusters



World War I

James Bennett:

Born on April 7, 1892 in Canada – died on June 29, 1918, Company C, 18th Engineers Railway Regiment; formerly a Copper River and Northwest Railway Engineer.

William M. Jones:

Born on March 1, 1895 in Remsen, NY; Died on July 25, 1918
Buried in Remsen, NY Accidental death on troop train in France
Company C, Thirty first Engineers; formerly a Copper River and Northwest locomotive fireman

Steve Green:

Born on July 22, 1894 in Russia. Died October 22, 1918 at Camp Dodge
Died from Influenza at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Formerly a Copper River and Northwest Railway longshoreman. Company C, 14th infantry

Lucian Platt:

Born on January 28, 1892 in Baltimore Maryland
Died on October 9, 1918 in Camp Humphreys, VA from pneumonia
2nd Lt. US Army; formerly a shift boss at Coffey, Mine, Kennecott Copper Company

Matthew Anderson:

Born on March 18, 1892 in Denmark
Died on October 28, 1918; formerly a fisherman (no more detail)

W.H. Mumby:

Died in action in October/early November 1918 (no details)

John W. Jones:

Born on November 22, 1893 in Remsen NY
Died on November 3, 1918 at Argonne Forest, France in battle
Buried in Remsen NY. Marine Corps. Formerly a Copper River and Northwest Railway transportation checker

provided by: City of Cordova

World War II

Patrick A. Burchett:

Born on December 19, 1921 in Cordova

Died in April 1945 accidental death in a motor vehicle accident in Asiatic Area.

Staff Sergeant; Army Air Force; Son of Jerry Allen

Norman D. Osborne:

Born on September 1, 1921 in Cordova

Died on April 13, 1945 in Okinawa; Private U.S. Army

Son of Ben and Andrine Osborne

Leonard F. Olson

Died April 25, 1945 in Luxembourg from wounds received in action on January 6, 1945

Sgt. 328th Regiment, 26th Yankee Division, Son of Leander Olson

Vietnam

David Henry Elisovsky:

Born on July 24, 1947.

Died January 23, 1966 in Vietnam from sniper fire.

Sergeant 101st Airborne Division; First Brigade

Military Merit Medal and Gallantry Cross with Palm Awarded posthumously

Son of Mrs. Olga Anderson

David Allen Lape:

Born on September 28, 1911

Died November 27, 1967 in Vietnam, mortar attack.

Warrant Officer, Army Reserve

Son of Kelly and Violet Lape

Warren Allen Paulsen:

Born on August 10, 1944; Died June 24, 1969 in Vietnam

Boatswain 'S Mate Navy; son of George and Lucy Paulsen (living in Valdez at the time of his death)

Michael Dean Banta

Born on October 5, 1949; Died October 2, 1970 in Vietnam

Private Company H, Infantry Rangers, 1st Cavalry Division

Son of Robert and Joanne Banta

Provided by: City of Cordova

CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 05-11-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, SUPPORTING NAMING FOURTEEN OF THE BRIDGES ALONG THE COPPER RIVER HIGHWAY AFTER VETERANS FROM CORDOVA WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION IN WWI, WWII AND THE VIETNAM WAR AND NAMING THE EYAK RIVER BRIDGE AFTER MARIE SMITH JONES, THE LAST FULL-BLOODED EYAK AND THE LAST NATIVE SPEAKER OF THE EYAK LANGUAGE, WHO DIED IN 2008.

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, wishes to support naming the following fourteen bridges recognized by their mile posts along the Copper River Highway after the 14 men whose names are listed beside each bridge mile post designation and naming the Eyak River Bridge at Mile 5.7 after Marie Smith Jones; and

BRIDGE NUMBER	NAME	MILE POST	HONORED PERSON TO BE NAMED AFTER
381	EYAK RIVER	5.7	Marie Smith Jones
348	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 1	7.5	Michael Dean Banta
349	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 2	7.6	
350	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 3	8.1	Warren Allen Paulsen
351	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 4	8.5	
352	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 5	9.2	David Alen Lape
406	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 6	9.5	
407	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 7	9.7	David Henry Elisovsky
408	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 8	10	
409	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 9	10.4	Leonard F. Olson
410	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 10	10.8	
411	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 11	11	Norman D. Osborne
230	SHERIDAN GLACIER NO. 3	14.8	
367	SHERIDAN GLACIER E CHANIL	16.3	Patrick A. Burchett
395	ALGANIK SLOUGH	22.3	
4026	SALMON CREEK CULVERTS	23.9	
331	COPPER RIVER (FLAG PT WST)	26.7	John W. Jones
1187	COPPER RIVER (FLAG PT E)	26.9	W. H. Mumby
332	COPPER RIVER (RND ISLAND)	27.6	Matthew Anderson
333	COPPER DELTA	33.7	
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336	COPPER DELTA	35.6	
339	COPPER DELTA	36.2	Steve Green
340	COPPER DELTA	36.5	
342	COPPER DELTA	37	William M. Jones
344	COPPER DELTA	37.6	
345	COPPER DELTA	37.9	James Bennett
206	MILLION DOLLAR BRIDGE	48.6	

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, wishes to honor these brave men for their honor, duty and loyalty to their City, State and Country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, in support of naming these bridges, wishes to immortalize these fine men, as inspirations to present and future Cordovans and Alaskans; and

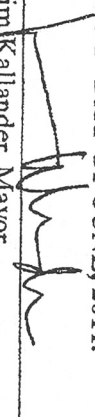
WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, in support of naming the Eyak River Bridge after Marie Smith Jones, wishes to immortalize her and her invaluable impact on so many Alaska Natives, Cordovans and Alaskans by helping to preserve her heritage for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, does hereby support naming these above listed bridges after our honored Cordovan Veterans killed in action; and

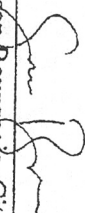
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby support appropriately naming the Eyak River Bridge after Marie Smith Jones a woman who left behind a comprehensive record of the now-extinct Eyak language; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova will forward this Resolution upon its passage to the Alaska State Legislature for final action in naming these bridges.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE, 2011.


Jim Kallander, Mayor

ATTEST:


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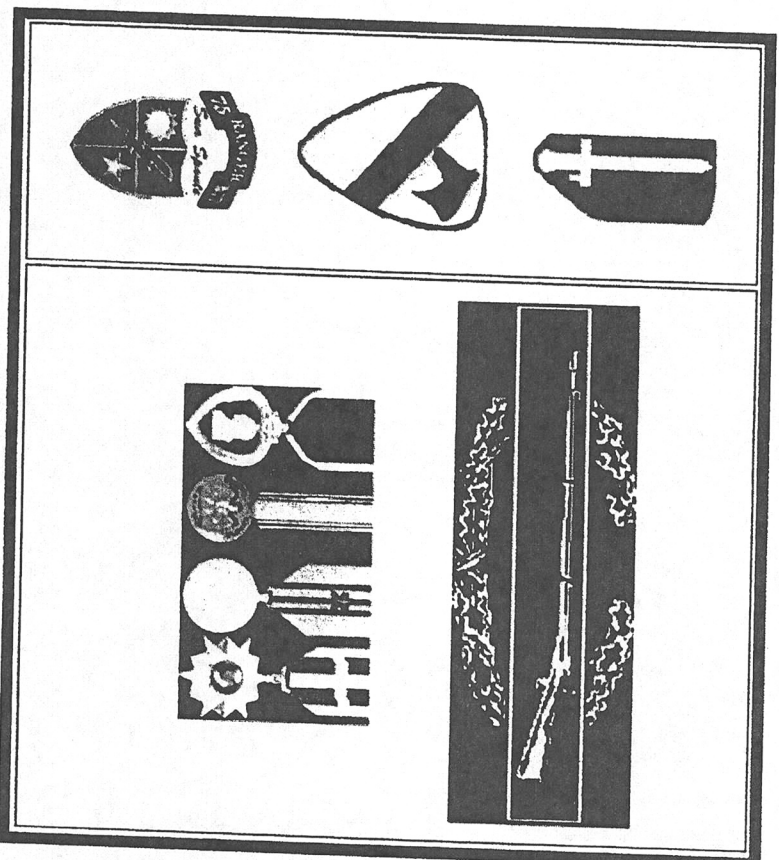
Army of the United States

Cordova, Alaska

October 05, 1949 to October 02, 1970

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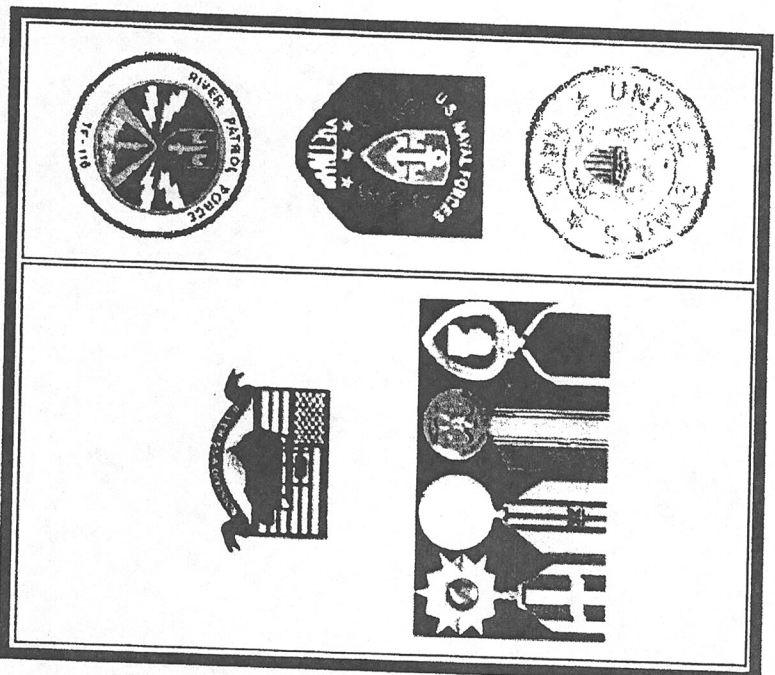
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Boatswain 3rd Class
PBR-8141, RIVDIV 554, TF 116, USNAVFORV
United States Navy
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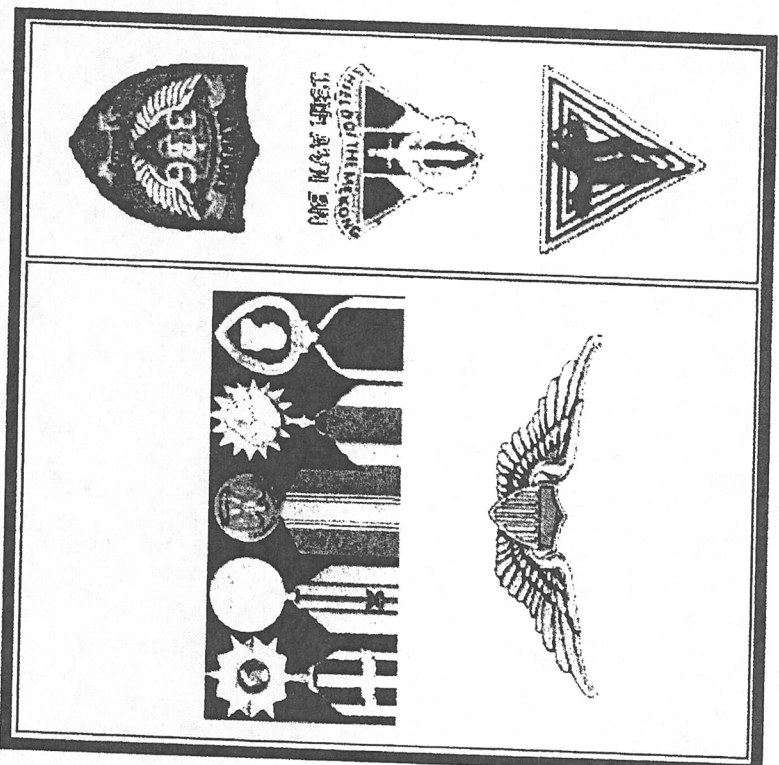
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Cordova, Alaska

September 28, 1944 to November 27, 1967

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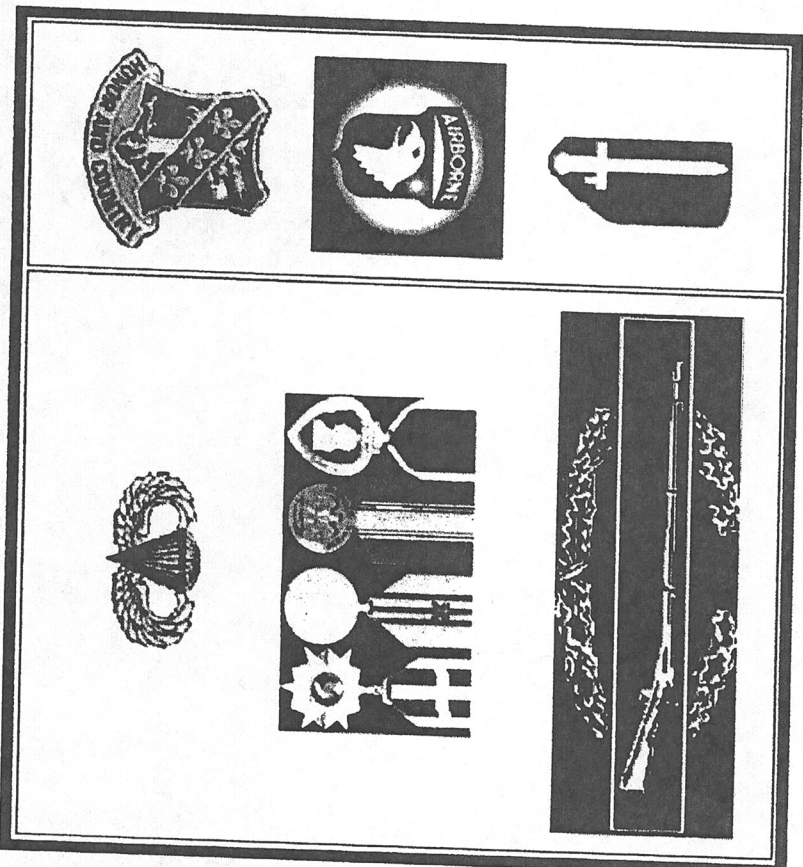
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