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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/5/13

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Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 94

HB 94-CON AND NELLIE MILLER BRIDGES

"An Act naming the northbound Chena Flood Channel Crossing Bridge the Nellie Miller Bridge and naming the southbound Chena Flood Channel Crossing Bridge the Con Miller Bridge."

and recommends:

be replaced with SCS HB 94 (FIN) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____

adopt previous SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____

attached amendment(s)

adopt _____ Letter of Intent

further referral to _____ Committee

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DOT	✓			
DOT	✓			

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	D. Lavery	✓			
	FAIRCLOUGH	X			
	Bishop	X			
	Hoffman	✓			
	Della	✓			
CO-CHAIR:		✓			
CO-CHAIR:	Mayer	✓			

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 94
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SCS HB094-DOT-CRHA-4-9-13
Title: CON AND NELLIE MILLER BRIDGES
Sponsor: ISAACSON
Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Appropriation: Highways, Aviation and Facilities
Allocation: Central Region Highways and Aviation
OMB Component Number: 564

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities	10.0							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	10.0							
Total	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

This committee substitute adds the naming of the Lowell J. Ray Corridor.

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	Administrative Services Director		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 94

Analysis

House Bill 94 would designate portion of East Blue Lupine Drive in Wasilla between Hyer Road and Hay Street the Lowell J. Ray Corridor.

There would be two signs, one sign introducing the corridor in each route direction, per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). *"The memorial or dedication signing shall be limited to one sign at an appropriate location in each route direction, each as an independent sign installation."*

Each sign would be up to 120" wide and 42" tall
Cost of material for each sign is \$ 5,000/per sign

2 signs total \$10,000

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Title: CON AND NELLIE MILLER BRIDGES
Sponsor: ISAACSON
Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Appropriation: Highways, Aviation and Facilities
Allocation: Northern Region Highways and Aviation
OMB Component Number: 2068

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities	6.9							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	6.9							
Total	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

The committee substitute adds "the original Santa Claus" and "the original Mrs. Claus" to the Con and Nellie Miller Bridge signs.

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STATE OF ALASKA
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Analysis

There are 2 bridges listed in the (draft) bill. (northbound = #1364, and southbound = #1866 crossings)
Each would only need one sign, because the two bridges are each "one way" over the spillway, so the signs needed would be installed on the traffic-entry end, identifying that bridge to travelers.

By regulation each sign, per MUTCD (Manual on Traffic Control Devices) is required to have 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	\$ 3,450/per sign
2 signs total (just 1 per bridge)	\$6,900

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 94(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ISAACSON, Costello, Kawasaki, Thompson, Tammie Wilson, Kerttula, Pruitt

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act naming the northbound Chena Flood Channel Crossing Bridge the Nellie 'the**
2 **original Mrs. Claus' Miller Bridge and naming the southbound Chena Flood Channel**
3 **Crossing Bridge the Con 'the original Santa Claus' Miller Bridge; and designating that**
4 **portion of East Blue Lupine Drive in Wasilla between Hyer Road and Hay Street the**
5 **Lowell J. Ray Memorial Corridor."**

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 *** Section 1. AS 35.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:**

8 **Sec. 35.40.355. Nellie "the original Mrs. Claus" Miller Bridge. The**
9 **northbound Chena Flood Channel Bridge, bridge number 1364, is named the Nellie**
10 **"the original Mrs. Claus" Miller Bridge.**

11 **Sec. 35.40.360. Con "the original Santa Claus" Miller Bridge. The**
12 **southbound Chena Flood Channel Bridge, bridge number 1866, is named the Con "the**
13 **original Santa Claus" Miller Bridge.**

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Sec. 35.40.365. Lowell J. Ray Memorial Corridor. That portion of East Blue
Lupine Drive in Wasilla between Hyer Road and Hay Street is concurrently
designated the Lowell J. Ray Memorial Corridor.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced:
Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 **Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**
2 **Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 94, naming the northbound Chena Flood**
3 **Channel Crossing Bridge the Nellie Miller Bridge and naming the southbound Chena**
4 **Flood Channel Crossing Bridge the Con Miller Bridge.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 That under Rule 54, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, the provisions of
7 Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, regarding
8 changes to the title of a bill, are suspended in consideration of House Bill No. 94, naming the
9 northbound Chena Flood Channel Crossing Bridge the Nellie Miller Bridge and naming the
10 southbound Chena Flood Channel Crossing Bridge the Con Miller Bridge.

Lowell Jean Ray

Biographical Information

- Born, September 30, 1927 in Tillar, Arkansas
- Joined the US Navy in 1947
 - Served as a Seaman for 16 years
- Transferred to US Air Force in 1963
 - Served as an Airman for 10 years
- Began a 20 year career as a Defense Department civilian employee
- Lead technician for Alaska-Based DEW line radar system
- Came to Alaska in 1964 with Air Force
- Married to Barbara, for 48 years
- Children: Son – Ken Ray; Daughters – Barbara Burton and Loretta McDonald

Military Service

- Retired as a Senior Master Sergeant from the Air Force in 1970
- Serving as Radar Equipment Foreman, stationed at the Alaska Air Command Headquarters at Elmendorf Air Base.
- Decorations, Medals and Awards
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Air Force Commendation Medal
 - Special Operations Groups service award
 - Air Force Longevity Service Award
 - Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
 - American Defense Service Medal
 - Department of Air Force Distinguished Service Award
 - Air Force Exceptional Service Award
- Defense Department Service Awards
 - Air Force Decoration for Exceptional Service — Civilian
 - Air Force Award for Professional Excellence — Civilian
 - His redesign of the DEW Line Radar systems saved the federal government an estimated \$12 million for each of the 12 stations in Alaska in 1987
 - Mr. Ray instructed international Allies, during the peak of the Cold War, how to increase reliability of radar systems and how to extend the life of radars similar to the DEW line systems

Community Involvement

- Commander, Palmer American Legion – Post 15
- Service Organization Memberships
 - Palmer Elks Lodge
 - Palmer Moose Lodge
 - AMVETS
 - Lions Club
 - Chugiak American Legion – Post 33

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SPONSOR STATEMENT HB94

The naming of Chena Flood Channel Crossing Northbound Bridge #1364 as the Nellie Miller Bridge; and the Chena Flood Channel Crossing Southbound Bridge #1866 as the Con Miller Bridge.

Conrad "Con" and Nellie Miller were some of the early settlers of the City of North Pole, arriving there in 1950. Con joined the Navy after leaving home at the age of 15 and served in China from 1927 to 1931. He worked on the construction of the Hoover Dam after a brief stint as a sheriff and private investigator. He later re-enlisted in the Navy during World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

Nellie was one of 15 children raised in Idaho Springs, Colorado and married Con in 1938 at the age of 15. Like many of Alaska's early pioneers, Nellie and Con moved to Alaska in 1950 with \$1.40 in their pocket and seeking a new beginning for their small family.

Con and Nellie Miller built their first business, a clothing store, in Fairbanks and Con travelled to rural communities to sell his wares. When he travelled, he often donned a red crushed velvet Santa suit, part of the stock the couple brought north from a previous business. As they began to build their store in North Pole in 1952, a child of a customer from Northway asked Con if he was building a house for Santa Claus and the name stuck. The store became Santa Claus House.

Con and Nellie were known as Santa and Mrs. Claus and their family store brought worldwide attention to the City of North Pole, Alaska. The store has grown and evolved over time into the icon that stands today, including the 42-foot, 900 pound Santa Claus statue outside that entices visitors from around the globe to celebrate Christmas year-around.

Con was the longest serving mayor of North Pole, dedicating 19 years of leadership. In 1952 he carried the city's incorporation papers to Juneau. He also served as North Pole's postmaster and civil defense director for 20 years as well as serving as the fire chief. Nellie served on the local school board, as the postmistress and as the town's magistrate and marriage commissioner.

The Millers raised three children: sons, Terry and Mike; and daughter, Merry Christmas Miller. Their two sons served in both the Alaska State House and the Alaska State Senate and hold the distinction of being the only two siblings in the United States to have presided as Senate President. Terry Miller also served as Lt. Governor.

For their commitment to Alaska and their role in developing the City of North Pole, it is fitting that the Chena Flood Channel Bridges be named for these two distinguished Alaskans. The Northbound Bridge #1364 shall be known as the Nellie Miller Bridge and the Southbound Bridge #1866 shall be known as the Con Miller Bridge.

ENERGY CO-CHAIR
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PRESS RELEASE

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HOUSE VOTES TO HONOR NORTH POLE'S WELL-KNOWN MILLER FAMILY
Isaacson's HB 94 names a pair of Chena Bridges after Con and Nellie Miller

Friday, March 22, 2013, Juneau, Alaska – The Alaska House of Representatives today passed a bill honoring well-known North Pole icons Con and Nellie Miller, voting unanimously to name a pair of bridges across the Chena Flood Control Project after them.

Representative Doug Isaacson, R-North Pole, sponsored the bill, House Bill 94. "The Miller family has always been stalwarts of the community," Isaacson said. "It's nice to be able to give back, in a way, to a pair of North Pole icons that have meant so much to us. In addition to all they have done, from helping to originally settle the community to their civic engagement, they've also given us three great children in Terry, Merry and Mike Miller. It's a small gesture of gratitude for a pair of larger-than-life Alaskans."

HB 94 authorizes the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to name the north and southbound Chena Flood Channel Bridges after the pair. The northbound bridge, number 1364, would become the Nellie Miller Bridge, and the southbound bridge, number 1866, would become the Con Miller Bridge.

"Con and Nellie were known as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, and they coined the phrase that 'it's Christmas year-round in North Pole, Alaska,'" Isaacson said. "They helped the community gain worldwide notoriety and gave us the iconic Santa Claus House. I am thankful that my colleagues recognized their distinguished service and voted to pass this bill."

The Miller's sons, Terry and Mike, are the only siblings to serve as President of the Senate, with Terry serving from 1973-1975, and Mike serving from 1997-1998. The Legislative Affairs Agency's offices in Juneau are located in the old Capital School, which is now named the Terry Miller Legislative Office Building.

HB 94 now moves to the Alaska Senate for consideration.

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To contact Rep. Isaacson, please call 907-465-4527.

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Saturday, March 23, 2013

HOUSE PLANT



Sam Hamel/News-Miner

Erik Johnson of Great Alaska Tree Cutting rigs a tip anchor to the log standing in his booth at the Interior Alaska Building Association's 2013 Home Show on Friday at the Carlson Center. The event continues Saturday and will conclude Sunday afternoon.

Bridges to be renamed

River crossings will be named after Con and Nellie Miller

By MATT BUXTON
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JUNEAU — The two crossings over the Chena River flood channel south of North Pole are currently known by the "undistinguished" names of bridge 1864 and bridge 1866, but a bill passed by the House on Friday aims to change that.

North Pole Rep. Doug Isaacson's House Bill 94 proposes to name the two bridges after his city's most influential pioneers, Con and Nellie Miller.

The two started what would become the world-famous Santa Claus House in 1952, two years after they moved to the Interior. Today, the business attracts visitors from around the world with its 42-

foot Santa Claus statue and its own Santa Claus.

In addition to bringing a year-round Christmas theme to North Pole, the Millers were pillars of the community. Con helped the city incorporate and went on to become the longest-serving mayor of North Pole. Nellie served on the school board, as the postmistress and as the town's magistrate and marriage commissioner. Con died in 1996; Nellie died in 2008.

The Miller name is also familiar to Juneau. Con and Nellie's sons, Terry and Mike, both served in the House and in the Senate, holding the distinction of being the only two siblings to have presided as Senate

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News-Miner file photo

Con and Nellie Miller play Santa and Mrs. Claus in 1988. The Millers started the Santa Claus House; now two Chena River bridges will be named after them.

Horse aids boy

By DAN JOLING
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — A young miniature horse in sneakers is helping a 4-year-old special needs child at an Anchorage public elementary school.

Zoe, a black mare, is a service animal for preschooler Zeiden Beattie at Russian Jack Elementary School. It's the only service horse in an Alaska school — and after multiple online searches, the only service horse Principal Elizabeth Hornbuckis could find at any school in the nation.

Zeiden is one of 300 children in the U.S. diagnosed with A-T, or ataxia-telangiectasia, a genetic

disorder that progressively robs children of their ability to coordinate movement such as walking. Zeiden's mother, Lealey Zacharias, a professional horse trainer, is teaching Zoe to help Zeiden walk steadily until the disease inevitably shackles him to a wheelchair.

"He moves around a lot better and has more energy if he's got a hand on someone, either holding someone's hand or a hand on something," Zacharias said. "My personal goal is first grade with a pony instead of a walker."

The head of the 10-month-old horse only rises to an adult's waist and is almost irresistible to touch,

Please see HORSE, Page B2

Sixth-grader chooses close shave to support anti-cancer effort

and no longer takes his prescribed medication, according to charging documents.

The woman who Lawson is accused of pointing the gun at told troopers she was afraid that he was going to shoot her. The woman who was allegedly kicked told troopers it caused her pain that rated a 5 or 6 on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the worst.

Both Lawson's current girlfriend and another witness confirmed what happened but said the two women instigated the incident.

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Recognized miniature horses as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Zacharias became determined to find one to extend her son's mobility. Her partner, Joel Beattie, was skeptical, she said, but one by one, obstacles fell.

She couldn't find a baby horse but did locate a pregnant mare in Minnesota that had been used as a therapy horse for children with disabilities. Nine-year-old Gwendolyn was trucked to Washington then transported by ferry and van to Anchorage by Zacharias' sister. Zoe was born in the family's garage in May.

Their long-time landlord surprised them and said, yes, Zaiden could have a service horse inside their rented house. A friend, Deb Turner, became a surrogate mother

multi-coordination.

Right: Zoe uses shoes sold at a Build-a-Bear store to navigate the slippery hard floors at Russian Jack Elementary School

to the little horses, talking neighbors into letting Gwendolyn and Zoe graze on their lawns. A professional seamstress who repairs backpacks for an REI store made a custom harness for Zoe with handholds that Zaiden can grasp.

Even before Zoe was born, educators at the elementary school helped solve problems such as how to keep the horse from sliding on the hard school floors. Hornbuckle, the principal, found the answer with an online search. She learned another miniature horse owner bought shoes at a Build-A-



Bear Workshop store. Zoe now has eight sets.

Many people want to know if Zoe is housebroken. The horse has defecated just twice inside the school, including once "on cue" at a staff meeting after Hornbuckle said accidents were likely to happen.

Zaiden's teacher, Cynthia Temple, said people in the school district have offered her sympathy for having to tolerate a horse in her classroom. She said it was an

easy call because it makes Zaiden's life better.

"My goal as a teacher for all the kids is independence, regardless of their needs," Temple said. "For Zaiden, an independent thing was putting on his coat, which was big feat, and using the zipper. Now Zoe is part of how Zaiden is going to function, walking and getting up from his chair, those little things that I can already see."

The law gives Zaiden the right to walk with his horse

into restaurants and stores but Zacharias has been cautious about public appearances.

"I want it to be appreciated, not just allowed," she said. "I feel a heavy responsibility in being an advocate not just for my son's condition but also for miniature horses and for service animals."

She's keeping a record of her family's experience, perhaps as a guide for others in her family's situation.

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BRIDGES: Isaacson asks for support

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president Terry Miller, who died in 1989, also served as lieutenant governor and has a building named after him. During a short House floor speech on the bill, Isaacson asked for his colleagues' support, noting that although his bill wasn't going to dramatically change Alaska, it will honor those

who helped make Alaska what it is.

"There are some bills that we work on that do the heavy lifting that allow us to stay in the land, to live work, play and invest right here in Alaska," he said, while wearing a Santa Claus tie. "There are others that let us celebrate those who settled the land."

The northbound bridge,

known as bridge number 1864, would be named the Nellie Miller Bridge. The southbound bridge, known as bridge number 1866, would be named the Con Miller Bridge.

The bill passed the House with unanimous support and now heads to the Senate.

Contact staff writer Matt Buxton at 489-7544 and follow him on Twitter: @FDNMpolitics.

Unemployment falls to 6.5 percent

JUNEAU — Alaska's unemployment rate hit its lowest level in 4 1/2 years last month, falling to 6.5 percent.

The state labor department says that seasonally adjusted preliminary rate compares to 6.7 percent in January and 7.1 percent in February 2012.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, last month's mark would be the lowest level in Alaska since August 2008, when unemployment also stood at 6.5 percent.

U.S. employment in February was 7.7 percent.

Bank employee indicted in scheme

ANCHORAGE — Federal prosecutors say a former Wells Fargo Bank employee accused of cashing forged tax refund checks has been indicted.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Anchorage says that 24-year-old Melissa Licelot Duran-Muniz of Anchorage is accused of depositing and cashing two forged U.S. Treasury checks for a total of \$14,478.

— Wire reports

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Brenda Hewitt

From: Peter Marshall, M.D. <docmarshall@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Rep. Peggy Wilson
Cc: Rep. Doug Isaacson; Brenda Hewitt
Subject: Writing in support of HB 94

Dear Peggy Wilson:

I am writing in support of HB 94, a bill to name a local landmark - the flood control bridge on the Richardson Highway just outside our town of North Pole , after Conrad and Nellie Miller.

THE FOUNDING FATHER OF OUR TOWN

Conrad Miller actually invented the City of North Pole, the town where I live and practice as the town's only medical doctor. When he arrived in 1950, North Pole was just a wide spot on the Richardson Highway, at that time a winding 2-lane road. Gradually over the years he made it *the* community where people preferred to live, even those who worked in Fairbanks. During his years of service as mayor he established many of the traditions, landmarks and amenities which make North Pole the attractive city that it is today. Because of this alone, he richly deserves this honor, but there is more.

A REMARKABLE FAMILY

Con & Nellie's sons Terry and Mike continued the tradition of public service established by Con himself when they became members of the legislature. Terry went on to distinguish himself as Lt. Governor. In addition the family has carried on with the store that Con & Nellie founded which is an landmark and a destination for both visitors and locals. Santa Claus House, was built and continues as the embodiment of Con Miller's dream to make North Pole a unique and special place.

A PERSONAL RECOLLECTION

During the first decade of my 28 years of practice in North Pole, it was my privilege to know the Millers and to be their physician. I have personally observed Con Miller's passion and dedication to the cause of beautifying, publicizing and improving the town that he founded. It is seldom that we encounter a man like Con Miller, a man who had the vision and the motivation to create something of lasting value. This initiative to name this landmark, twin bridges over the Chena Flood Control Project for Con and Nellie Miller is a fitting tribute to this distinguished Alaskan couple.

Sincerely,
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