


**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF ALASKA HOUSE BILL NO. 178, REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO ALASKA STATUTES 35.40.035, VETERANS' MEMORIALS.


**AGENDA OF:** April 18, 2017

**Assembly Action:**

RS 17-032 Adopted w/o objection under Consult agenda @ 4/18/17 RM 

**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

**APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:** 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	JMK	For Assemblymember Kowalke 
	Borough Attorney	RS	
	Borough Clerk	JMM	4/10/17

**ATTACHMENT (S):** Fiscal Note: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X  
 Alaska State House Bill No. 178 (1 pp)  
 Sponsor Statement House Bill No. 178 (1 pp)  
 Resolution Serial No. 17-032 (2 pp)  
 AS 35.40.035 Veterans' Memorials (1pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

This legislation is coming forward from Assemblymember Kowalke to support House Bill No. 178, amending AS 35.40.035, Veterans' Memorials, to allow the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to accept nominations of honorably discharged veterans from veteran organizations throughout Alaska, for recognition by the legislature.

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

01 "An Act relating to recognition of individual veterans along certain  
veterans' memorial  
02 roads and on certain veterans' memorial bridges."  
03 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
04 τ \* Section 1. †AS 35.40.035 is amended by adding a new subsection to  
read:  
05 (g) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall accept  
nominations  
06 from veterans' organizations to name a portion of a road or bridge  
described in this  
07 section for an individual veteran. On the first day of each legislative  
session, the  
08 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall submit to the president  
of the  
09 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a list of  
nominations received  
10 under this subsection. The legislature may commend one or more nominees  
submitted  
11 under this subsection in accordance with the provisions for adopting  
citations under  
12 the uniform rules of the legislature. The Department of Transportation and  
Public  
13 Facilities may designate a portion of a road or bridge for an individual  
veteran  
14 commended by the legislature and make arrangements for the designing and  
posting of  
01 signs and other markers. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs  
and the  
02 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities may accept gifts,  
donations, and  
03 grants for the purpose of establishing and maintaining signs under this  
subsection. The  
04 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities may not post or  
maintain a sign or  
05 other marker unless it has been funded by gifts, donations, or grants  
received under  
06 this subsection. In this subsection, "veteran" means a person who served  
in the  
07 uniformed services and who received an honorable discharge.  
08 τ \* Sec. 2. †AS 37.05.146(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to  
read:  
09 (90) gifts, donations, and grants received by the Department of  
10 Transportation and Public Facilities or the Department of Military  
and Veterans'  
11 Affairs for the purpose of establishing and maintaining signs under AS 35.40.035(g).

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## Sponsor Statement House Bill 178

HB178 Allows the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to accept nominations of honorably discharged veterans from veteran organizations throughout Alaska, and establishes a process whereby these veterans may be recognized by the legislature for eventual placement of veteran names along certain roads and bridges throughout Alaska. The cost of any signs or other markers made possible by this bill shall be entirely funded by gifts, donations, and grants for that purpose.

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Sec. ~~35.40.035~~. Veterans' memorials.

(a) In Anchorage, the Glenn Highway from mile 0 to mile 9 is designated the Veterans' Memorial Parkway.

(b) In Fairbanks, the bridge to be built across the Chena River at Barnette Street, is named the Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

(c) In Juneau, the Glacier Highway from Auke Bay (mile 12) to Echo Cove (mile 39) is designated the Juneau Veterans' Memorial Highway.

(d) In Eagle River, the portion of the Eagle River Loop Road between the Anchorage Regional Landfill and Old Glenn Highway is concurrently designated as the Eagle River Veterans' Memorial Highway.

(e) The bridge on the Sterling Highway that crosses the Kenai River at Soldotna is named the David Douthit Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

(f) In the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, the road known as Seldon Road, East Colony Schools Drive, and that portion of the road known as Bogard Road that extends east and west between Palmer and Meadow Lakes, including the road extension to be constructed on the west end of Seldon Road and the extension to be constructed on the east end of Bogard Road, are renamed Veterans' Way. This subsection does not apply to that portion of Bogard Road that extends from the intersection of East Grumman Circle to Main Street.

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RS 17-038