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Sponsor Statement SB 102 Relating to Trooper Heck Memorial Corridor

SB 102 would establish Milepost 128 to Milepost 189 of the Glenn Highway as "Alaska State Trooper Bruce A. Heck Memorial Corridor". On January 10, 1997, at Milepost 156 on the Glenn Highway, Trooper Heck was killed in the line of duty. At the request of his widow Laurie Heck, and members of the Glennallen community, I have introduced SB 102 to commemorate Trooper Heck's life and his service to the people of Alaska.

"For those who pledge to uphold it, freedom requires a sacrifice the protected will never know", is a thought-provoking quote forwarded to me by Laurie Heck. A plaque at the Korean War Memorial in Washington D.C. reads, "Freedom is not free". SB 102 speaks to the spirit of these truisms. Its passage and implementation will remind the thousands of people who drive the Glenn Highway of the heroism of Trooper Heck and the countless others who protect the public's safety.

The passage of SB 102 would simply require a line be added to the road signs in the area, which would then read: Glenn Highway, Trooper Bruce A. Heck Memorial Corridor.

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