

117TH CONGRESS
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To designate Mount Young in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Don Young Recogni-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) on June 9, 1933, Donald Edwin Young was
9 born to James Young and Nora (Bucy) Young in
10 Meridian, California;

1 (2) Don Young earned—

2 (A) an associate degree from Yuba Junior
3 College; and

4 (B) a bachelor’s degree in teaching from
5 Chico State University;

6 (3) from 1955 to 1957, Don Young began dec-
7 ades of service to the United States when he served
8 in the Army as part of the 41st Tank Battalion;

9 (4) in 1959, Don Young moved to Alaska and
10 found his true home in the village of Fort Yukon,
11 which is located 7 miles above the Arctic Circle;

12 (5) Don Young met and married the first love
13 of his life, Lula “Lu” Young, in Fort Yukon;

14 (6) Don and Lu Young had—

15 (A) 2 wonderful daughters, Joni and Dawn
16 (Sister); and

17 (B) 14 grandchildren;

18 (7) Don Young—

19 (A) taught fifth grade at a school run by
20 the Bureau of Indian Affairs during the winter;
21 and

22 (B) during the warmer months, worked—

23 (i) in construction, mining, fishing,
24 and trapping; and

25 (ii) as a tugboat captain;

1 (8) Don Young—

2 (A) was elected mayor of Fort Yukon in
3 1964; and

4 (B) served as mayor of Fort Yukon until
5 1967;

6 (9) Don Young was elected to and served in—

7 (A) the Alaska House of Representatives
8 from 1967 to 1970; and

9 (B) the Alaska State Senate from 1970 to
10 1973;

11 (10) Don Young—

12 (A) was elected to the House of Represent-
13 atives in 1973 in a special election; and

14 (B) served 24 additional consecutive terms
15 in the House of Representatives;

16 (11) Representative Don Young served as—

17 (A) the Chair of the Committee on Natural
18 Resources of the House of Representatives from
19 1995 to 2001; and

20 (B) the Chair of Committee on Transpor-
21 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives from 2001 to 2007;

23 (12) Representative Don Young was a cham-
24 pion for Alaska Natives, including as Chair of the
25 Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native

1 Affairs of the Committee on Natural Resources of
2 the House of Representatives;

3 (13) Representative Don Young—

4 (A) fiercely defended Alaska and Alaskans
5 as the sole Representative for the largest State
6 in the United States; and

7 (B) devoted himself to fulfilling the im-
8 mense promise of his home State;

9 (14) Representative Don Young was a leader in
10 strengthening the role of Alaska in providing for the
11 national defense of the United States through his—

12 (A) support for—

13 (i) the Coast Guard;

14 (ii) the Alaskan Command; and

15 (iii) the ballistic missile defense; and

16 (B) steadfast commitment to the leader-
17 ship of the United States in the Arctic;

18 (15) Representative Don Young—

19 (A) sponsored not fewer than 85 bills that
20 were enacted into Federal law; and

21 (B) sponsored and cosponsored many more
22 measures that were part of broader legislation;

23 (16) legislative achievements by Representative
24 Don Young span the policy spectrum, from author-
25 izing the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline

1 System to important amendments and the Alaska
2 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et
3 seq.);

4 (17) Representative Don Young authored and
5 advocated for generational laws, including—

6 (A) the Indian Self-Determination and
7 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et
8 seq.) in 1975;

9 (B) the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
10 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
11 1801 et seq.) in 1976;

12 (C) the National Wildlife Refuge System
13 Improvement Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–57;
14 111 Stat. 1252) in 1997;

15 (D) SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109–59;
16 119 Stat. 1144) in 2005;

17 (E) the Multinational Species Conservation
18 Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007 (Public
19 Law 110–132; 121 Stat. 1360) in 2007; and

20 (F) the Infrastructure Investment and
21 Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 429)
22 in 2021;

23 (18) Representative Don Young—

1 (A) formed strong relationships and friend-
2 ships with Members of Congress on both sides
3 of the aisle; and

4 (B) proudly worked with 10 different
5 Presidents;

6 (19) in 2015, Representative Don Young mar-
7 ried his second love, Anne Garland Walton, in the
8 United States Capitol;

9 (20) on December 5, 2017, Representative Don
10 Young became the 45th Dean of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives, reflecting his status as the most senior
12 Member of the House of Representatives;

13 (21) Representative Don Young was the long-
14 est-serving Republican in the history of Congress;
15 and

16 (22) Representative Don Young ultimately
17 served the 49th State with dedication and distinction
18 for 49 years and 13 days, which is more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of
19 the period during which Alaska has been a State.

20 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF MOUNT YOUNG, ALASKA.**

21 (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Board on Geographic
23 Names shall designate the 2,598-foot volcanic peak known
24 as “Mount Cerberus” located at 51.93569°N,

1 179.5848°E, on Semisopchnoi Island in the State of
2 Alaska as “Mount Young”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
4 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
5 States to the mountain peak described in subsection (a)
6 shall be deemed to be a reference to “Mount Young”.

7 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF DON YOUNG ALASKA JOB CORPS**
8 **CENTER.**

9 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Job Corps center located at
10 800 East Lynn Martin Drive in Palmer, Alaska, shall be
11 known and designated as the “Don Young Alaska Job
12 Corps Center”.

13 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
14 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
15 States to the Job Corps center described in subsection (a)
16 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Don Young Alas-
17 ka Job Corps Center”.

18 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATION OF DON YOUNG FEDERAL OFFICE**
19 **BUILDING.**

20 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal office building lo-
21 cated at 101 12th Avenue in Fairbanks, Alaska, shall be
22 known and designated as the “Don Young Federal Office
23 Building”.

24 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
25 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United

1 States to the Federal office building described in sub-
2 section (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Don
3 Young Federal Office Building”.