

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5066

AN ACT

To designate Mount Young in the State of Alaska, and
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Don Young Recogni-
3 tion Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

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

9 (2) Don Young earned—

10 (A) an associate degree from Yuba Junior
11 College; and

12 (B) a bachelor’s degree in teaching from
13 Chico State University;

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

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

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

22 (6) Don and Lu Young had—

23 (A) 2 wonderful daughters, Joni and Dawn
24 (Sister); and

25 (B) 14 grandchildren;

26 (7) Don Young—

1 (A) taught fifth grade at a school run by
2 the Bureau of Indian Affairs during the winter;
3 and

4 (B) during the warmer months, worked—

5 (i) in construction, mining, fishing,

6 and trapping; and

7 (ii) as a tugboat captain;

8 (8) Don Young—

9 (A) was elected mayor of Fort Yukon in
10 1964; and

11 (B) served as mayor of Fort Yukon until
12 1967;

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

14 (A) the Alaska House of Representatives
15 from 1967 to 1970; and

16 (B) the Alaska State Senate from 1970 to
17 1973;

18 (10) Don Young—

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

21 (B) served 24 additional consecutive terms
22 in the House of Representatives;

23 (11) Representative Don Young served as—

1 (A) the Chair of the Committee on Natural
2 Resources of the House of Representatives from
3 1995 to 2001; and

4 (B) the Chair of Committee on Transpor-
5 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives from 2001 to 2007;

7 (12) Representative Don Young was a cham-
8 pion for Alaska Natives, including as Chair of the
9 Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native
10 Affairs of the Committee on Natural Resources of
11 the House of Representatives;

12 (13) Representative Don Young—

13 (A) fiercely defended Alaska and Alaskans
14 as the sole Representative for the largest State
15 in the United States; and

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

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

21 (A) support for—

22 (i) the Coast Guard;

23 (ii) the Alaskan Command; and

24 (iii) the ballistic missile defense; and

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

3 (15) Representative Don Young—

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

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

8 (16) legislative achievements by Representative
9 Don Young span the policy spectrum, from author-
10 izing the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline
11 System to important amendments and the Alaska
12 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et
13 seq.);

14 (17) Representative Don Young authored and
15 advocated for generational laws, including—

16 (A) the Indian Self-Determination and
17 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et
18 seq.) in 1975;

19 (B) the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
20 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
21 1801 et seq.) in 1976;

22 (C) the National Wildlife Refuge System
23 Improvement Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–57;
24 111 Stat. 1252) in 1997;

1 (D) SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109–59;
2 119 Stat. 1144) in 2005;

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

6 (F) the Infrastructure Investment and
7 Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 429)
8 in 2021;

9 (18) Representative Don Young—

10 (A) formed strong relationships and friend-
11 ships with Members of Congress on both sides
12 of the aisle; and

13 (B) proudly worked with 10 different
14 Presidents;

15 (19) in 2015, Representative Don Young mar-
16 ried his second love, Anne Garland Walton, in the
17 United States Capitol;

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

22 (21) Representative Don Young was the long-
23 est-serving Republican in the history of Congress;
24 and

1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Don Young Alas-
2 ka Job Corps Center”.

3 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATION OF DON YOUNG FEDERAL OFFICE**
4 **BUILDING.**

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

9 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
10 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
11 States to the Federal office building described in sub-
12 section (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Don
13 Young Federal Office Building”.

Passed the Senate December 12, 2022.

Attest:

Secretary.

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