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## Sponsor Statement HB 44

### Joe Redington, Sr. Memorial Trail

Joe Redington, Sr. was a true Alaskan hero. Because of his determination and singular purpose of mind, an event that inspires the imagination of people from all over the globe has brought Alaska and Alaskans worldwide recognition. The Iditarod Sled Dog Race is a uniquely Alaskan event that has served many purposes that should inspire pride in all Alaskans. Joe Redington, Sr. is widely recognized as the "Father of the Iditarod" and has had many accolades attributed to him since his passing.

The Iditarod Race headquarters is on the Knik-Goose Bay Road. A little farther out on the same highway is the Redington Homestead where for many years Joe raised and trained his dog teams. It was from his home in Knik that Mr. Redington began the effort to establish the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. I believe that it would be appropriate to add to all the other efforts recognizing Joe to name the road the passes by his old homestead and the Iditarod Race Headquarters after him.