

SPONSOR STATEMENT
Senate Bill 79

“An act naming the Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge”

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Fred Zharoff served in the House of Representatives beginning with the Eleventh Alaska State Legislature for three terms. In 1985, he then began serving in the Alaska State Senate for three additional terms continuing through the Nineteenth Alaska State Legislature. He ended his distinguished career in 1997.

For almost 20 years Senator Zharoff served the citizens of Kodiak Island, Bristol Bay, the Aleutian Chain, the Alaska Peninsula, the Southern Kenai Peninsula and rural Southeast Alaska.

During his tenure in the legislature, Fred was instrumental in bringing projects to Kodiak such as the Near Island Bridge. His successful efforts garnered the \$18 million dollars necessary to construct this vital link to Near Island. The completion of this bridge led to the full utilization of the St. Herman Harbor, the development of the Fishery Industrial Technology Center and the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center. In addition, the new expanded float plane mooring and associated facilities are now located on the back side of Near Island.

This name designation is a fitting and lasting memorial in recognition of Senator Fred Zharoff's contribution to his community.