

# Sponsor Statement

## SB 83

**“An Act naming the Sven Haakanson, Sr. Airport at Old Harbor.”**

[SB 83](#), "An Act naming the Sven Haakanson, Sr. Airport at Old Harbor." will name the state airport in the City of Old Harbor in memory of Sven Haakanson, Sr., who passed away on November 23, 2002.

A lifelong resident of Old Harbor, and community mayor for 27 years, Sven Haakason was well known in Alaska. Sven also played a vital role in establishing corporations and associations that have become a familiar and important part of Alaska's corporate and nonprofit world. He was one of the founders of the Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA), Koniag Inc., and served on the boards of several corporations and organizations on Kodiak Island. In 2002, Sven was named the Elder of the Year by the Koniag Native Corporation.

Senate Bill 83, which is supported by the people of Old Harbor, will recognize a man who gave so much of his time and energy to the community. Passage of this bill will ensure that Sven Haakanson Sr.'s memory will live on for generations to come. I urge your support.