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Date: July 20, 2005

From: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council

Re: Former Kenai Borough Mayor Don Gilman

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) joins area communities in mourning the passing of former Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor, State Senator, and lifetime community leader Don Gilman.

Mr. Gilman had a long history of transforming responsibility into accomplishment. As Borough Mayor, he joined then-Senator Frank Murkowski to lead the effort to create several oil spill prevention and response safeguards for citizens in the aftermath of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Mr. Gilman strongly advocated to establish CIRCAC and was a catalyst during the critical first stages, providing momentum that resonates with the organization 15 years later.



Don Gilman

CIRCAC has worked closely with state, federal, and local agencies since that time to monitor closely the effects of oil industry operations on the environment and to collaborate with industry and regulators on the development of response capabilities for oil spills, marine fires, and a host of other potentially harmful events associated with production and transport.

We offer our sympathy for Mr. Gilman's family as we say goodbye to a longtime friend to CIRCAC and the many citizens whose lives benefited from his works.