



ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS  
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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BETHEL, ALASKA MARCH 2022

**RESOLUTION 22-03-04**

**TITLE: Resolution in Recognition of the Outstanding Service and Achievements of Congressman Don Young**

WHEREAS The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS Congressman Don Young was born in Meridian, California, on June 9, 1933, and, after serving in the United States Army 41<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion, he moved to Alaska in 1959; and

WHEREAS He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in a special election on March 5, 1973; and

WHEREAS He served as chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee from 1995 to 2001, and then as chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee from 2001 to 2007; and

WHEREAS He worked tirelessly to benefit the people of Alaska, including tribes and tribal communities. His many accomplishments include introducing the Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act in 2016 (passed by voice vote); serving as a member of the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the U.S. and vice chair of the Native American caucus; co-sponsor of Savanna's Act and the House version of the Not Invisible Act in 2020; and a strong supporter of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and special criminal jurisdiction for Alaska Tribes; and

WHEREAS At the time of his passing, on March 18, 2022, Congressman Young was serving his 25<sup>th</sup> term as Alaska's only Representative to the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Young was the Dean of the House and the longest serving member of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board expresses its sincere appreciation for the life of service of Congressman Don Young, "Congressman for all Alaska."

EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION 22-03-04

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board extends its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Congressman Young.

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board during its regular meeting at Bethel, Alaska by a vote of \_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_ abstentions, on this \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



Thaddeus J. Tikiun, Chairman



Vivian Korthuis, Chief Executive Officer