

Begich and Boggs remembered

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, the State of Alaska will officially dedicate two Chugach mountain peaks to the memory and public service of Congressman Hale Boggs, Majority Leader of the House of Representatives and Congressman Nick Begich of Alaska. Boggs served as Louisiana's Representative from its 5th District for over 27 years.

The dedication commemorates the 5th anniversary of the disappearance of the two lawmakers who were passengers in a Cessna 130 piloted by Don Jonz of Fairbanks and accompanied by Russel Brown, Begich's Anchorage Office manager. The site of the ceremony will be in Anchorage at the Bartlett-Begich School at 2 o'clock. The public is invited. A reception will follow the dedication.

The top photo is a view of the two Chugach Mountain peaks located approximately six miles northwest of Whittier and three to four miles north of Portage Lake. Looking eastward from Turnagain Arm, Mt. Boggs is on the left (north) and Mt. Begich on the right (south). (Photo credit: George Herben for the Alaska Historical Commission).

The bottom photo was taken at Anchorage International Airport on the morning of Oct. 16, 1972, the day of the disappearance. No trace has ever been found of the lost aircraft. (Photo credit: Anchorage Daily News).

