

AFN honors Sackett for work on behalf of Alaska Natives

State Sen. John Sackett of Ruby, who this year is retiring from the Senate, was recognized by delegates to the 20th Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives for his work on behalf of Alaska Native people.

Sackett was honored by a resolution, adopted by acclamation. He also received a jade plaque.

Other resolutions passed by the body include measures endorsing increased commitments to health care, education, housing and protections for subsistence activities of rural Alaskans.

Among those recognized by AFN

for their outstanding service to Alaska Natives were Haines tribal leader and elder Austin Hammond, who received the President's Award for Education; Robert Clark, executive director of Bristol Bay Native Association, who received the award for health; Eleanor McMullen, a community health aide from Port Graham, who received the Della Keats Healing Hands Award; Wilford Ryan of Ryan Air who received the small business award; and Edward Hopson Sr. of Barrow who received the award for housing.