

'I may not agree with what you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it'—VOLTAIRE

Editorial:

## **HATS OFF TO CONGRESSMAN YOUNG**

Congressman Don Young deserves to be congratulated and thanked for his recent efforts to successfully steer the 1991 legislation through the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressmen Morris Udall of Arizona and John Sieberling of Ohio, both of whom strongly supported the Alaska Federation of Natives' package of proposals to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, also deserve credit. Udall is one of the few people still in Congress who participated in the passage of the original act in 1971, and he has continuously shown his desire to assist Alaska Natives in making the settlement act work.

We are particularly pleased, however, with Young's efforts. He has fought for the 1991 legislation tirelessly despite pressure and harassment from a number of quarters in Alaska.

It should be noted that many of the people opposing the 1991 amendments have a long-standing history of opposition to Alaska Natives. Sadly, they also have distributed a great deal of misinformation in their apparent desire to confuse Alaskans.

Young has repeatedly sought to set the record straight on this issue. He realizes that the 1991 legislation is vital not only to the future of Alaska Natives but to the future of Alaska.

We commend Young for a job well done.