

Building named to honor Huntington

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Huntington, a distinguished Native leader known throughout Alaska.

Huntington, who died in 1987 at the age of 71, was an original member of the Doyon Board of Directors in 1972.

Huntington, who was born in Hughes, was also on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He was an Alaska state legislator; he was an author, trapper, fisherman and riverboat pilot. He was also the original "Huslia Hustler," and as such was a champion sled dog racer.

George Attla who presently holds the "Huslia Hustler" name is related to Huntington.



Doyon President Morris Thompson said he considered Huntington to be a very warm and caring human being and a real leader in the Doyon region.

"He left a lot of principles behind — both personal and professional. He was not afraid to take on new challenges either," Thompson said during a telephone conversation from his office in Fairbanks. "He played many roles."

"He had certain convictions and opinions that he held on to strongly. I remember him equally for his warmth and kindness," Thompson said.

Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Native Foundation in Anchorage, remembered Huntington as a man well liked by everybody and a hard worker.

Notti said even though Huntington ran a trapline and owned a store in Huslia he still had time to be an advocate of Native issues.

There was also a dedication

ceremony held last week to unveil the newly dedicated building. Thompson said it was a time for Huntington's friends and family to tell stories about him and remember him.