

# Mountains Begich and Boggs named

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska, announced July 19 that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has approved the proposal to name two mountain peaks near Whittier, Alaska, after the late Congressmen Nick Begich, D-Alaska, and Hale Boggs, D-Louisiana.

Young has been working to promote the favorable nomination and introduced a resolution in the House asking for positive action by the board.

The resolution had well over 100 co-sponsors, and according to Young, "It indicated the broad support in the Congress for this proposal."

The resolution praised the character and leadership of Boggs and Begich, and recalled their tragic disappearance while on flight between Anchorage and Juneau October 16, 1972.

The idea was initiated by

Alaskan Senator Ted Stevens, who first submitted the idea to the board in the hope of establishing a permanent monument for the two lawmakers. Boggs was House majority leader and Begich was Alaska's lone congressman at the time.

"I'm sure that I'm not the only one that is pleased to see this action," said Young. Those who are interested in paying Congressmen Begich and Boggs their respects will have an opportunity to do so at the ceremony naming the peaks in October 1977 on the fifth anniversary of their disappearance.

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