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| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togiak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
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| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
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| New Stuyahok | |



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Rural Alaska Makes the Difference!

Just more than three months ago, Alaskans were shocked to learn that an unknown candidate from Fairbanks had edged out U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski during the Republican primary election. Three weeks later, after hearing from hundreds of Alaskans who wanted her to run, Murkowski stepped up to the podium at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage and announced she was indeed throwing her hat in the ring and would run as a write-in candidate.

The rest is history.

On November 17, the Senate race was declared won by Murkowski—54 years after the last write-in candidate for the U.S. Senate succeeded. That earlier win was by Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, the longest serving senator in the history of the country.

Rural Alaska can give itself a pat on the back for stepping up to the plate and carrying Murkowski to victory. The rural turnout was nothing short of impressive and her margin of selection was significantly higher there than in urban areas of Alaska.

Murkowski understands the infrastructure needs of rural Alaska. She knows we are still decades behind other parts of the country when it comes to basic infrastructure such as water and sewer systems, schools, electricity and communications. She has learned well from Sen. Ted Stevens, and we can be assured that our needs will be of paramount importance during her next six years in office.

Thank you for standing up and being counted. You made the difference!

For those of you who did not get one of Murkowski's historic blue and gold rubber bracelets, send me an e-mail with your mailing address, and I will send one to the first 100 members who respond. My e-mail address is mkohler@avec.org.

We Wish You a Joyous Holiday Season

As this first decade of the 21st century comes to an end, we look back at our accomplishments and our disappointments and we are grateful to realize our blessings far exceed our troubles.

My greatest blessing is that I can continue to serve you, our members, and that I have the most dedicated and caring staff and board that I could have. It is our collective mission to bring you the most responsive and reliable electric service possible.

We all join together in wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Meera Kohler
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