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CSG West In Remembrance

Alaska Senator Chris Birch passed away unexpectedly on August 7 leaving a legacy of passion and service to his community. An engineer by trade, he began serving in the House of Representatives in 2017 and became a member of the Senate at the start of 2019. Drawing from his professional experiences along with volunteer work with the Anchorage East Rotary Club, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, and Alaska Miners Association, he advocated strongly for economic development opportunities throughout the state. At the time of his death, Senator Birch was Chair of the Senate Resources Committee, Vice Chair of the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and member of several other Senate committees. Engaged in the work of CSG West, he served on the Economic Development and Energy Committees for the current biennium. He also was recently selected to attend the Western Legislative Academy as a member of the 2019 class.

The CSG West family mourns the loss of Senator Birch. His dedication to constituents, the legislature, and the State of Alaska will leave a lasting mark on all who enjoyed the opportunity to work with him. He will be deeply missed and CSG West pays tribute to his service.