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Dear Mayor:

In a continuing effort to insure that we always stay out in front of the opportunities to recognize and honor our brave men and women serving this nation, I wanted to draw your attention to a significant event coming up next year.

The Silver Star Families of America organization is planning a Silver Star Banner Day on May 1, 2009. Their goal is to have 5,000 cities across America celebrate and honor our service men and women and their families. What a magnificent goal, a united voice offering thanks and honoring those who defend this great nation.

I wanted to encourage you, if you have not already done so, to visit their web site at <http://www.silverstarfamilies.org/SilverStarBannerDay2009.html>, learn more about what they are trying to do, and join with us here in Anchorage as we plan our activities to be part of this great event. As you know, we simply cannot thank our military heroes and their families enough for their service and sacrifice.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing your city on the list for May 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich  
 Chairman  
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