

# ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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## BUTCH LINCOLN ALASKA SPORTS HALL OF FAMER

The members of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature commend Butch Lincoln on his recent induction to the 2026 Class of the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame for his lasting impact and memorable game performances in high school and collegiate basketball.

Born and raised in Kotzebue, the Iñupiaq point guard's basketball career started on the dirt basketball courts of Kotzebue, where Butch's retired high school jersey, number twelve, hangs in the rafters of the Kotzebue Middle-High School Gymnasium. In 1990, Butch was instrumental in leading the Kotzebue Huskies to their first, and only, state championship game appearance. Reflecting on that experience in a recent interview, he noted the outcome of that game taught him humility, the importance of being an exceptional teammate, and valuing the relationships you build with those you care about.

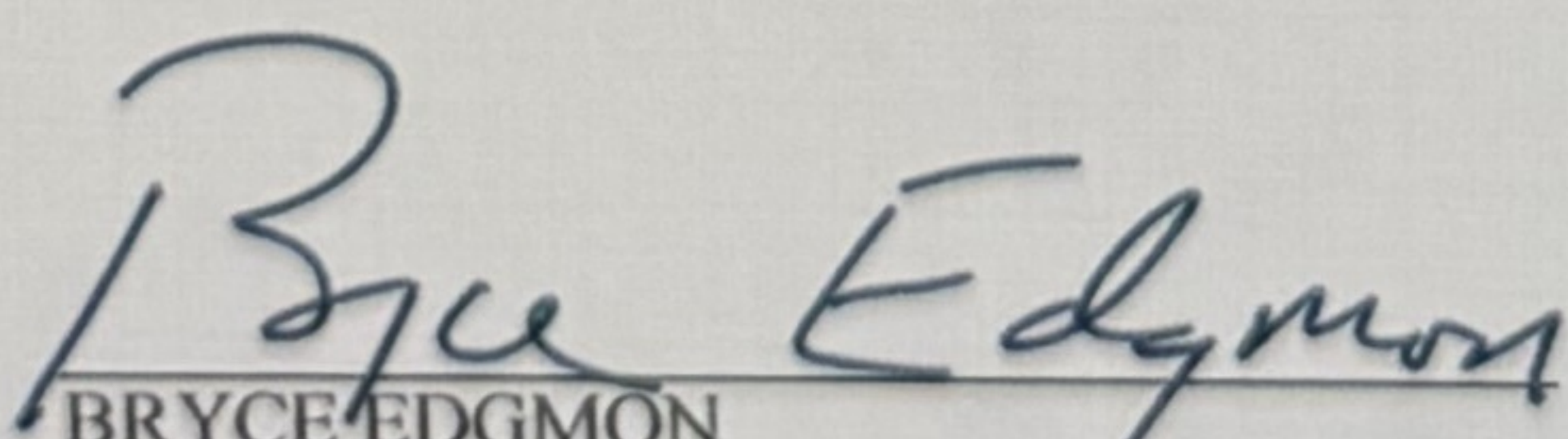
Butch is best known in rural Alaska sports history as the first Alaska Native student to earn a full athletic scholarship to play basketball at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). During his time at UAA, he helped the Seawolves win three Pacific West Conference titles. The Seawolves won a total of seventy-seven games during his college career. As a first-generation college graduate, he embraced the student-athlete experience, graduating from UAA with degrees in finance and accounting and later received a master's of business administration from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business in 2002.

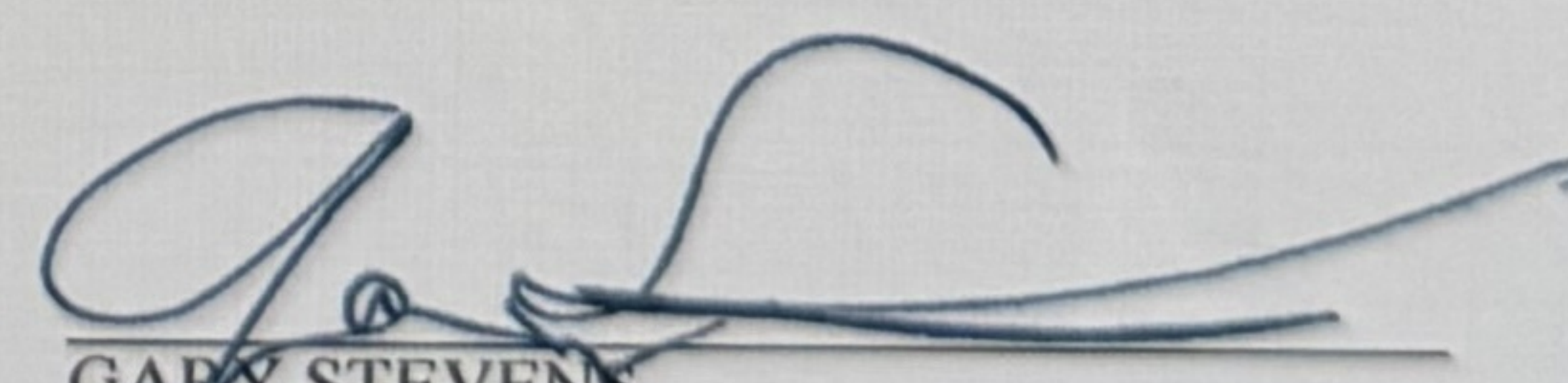
Standing five feet seven inches tall, Butch was an energetic and decisive player who was known for his vision and court awareness—often getting around defenses with ease. His three hundred and twenty-five career collegiate assists rank him seventh on the all-time list at UAA. In 1999, *Sport Illustrated* named Butch as one of the top fifty greatest Alaskan sports figures of the twentieth century.

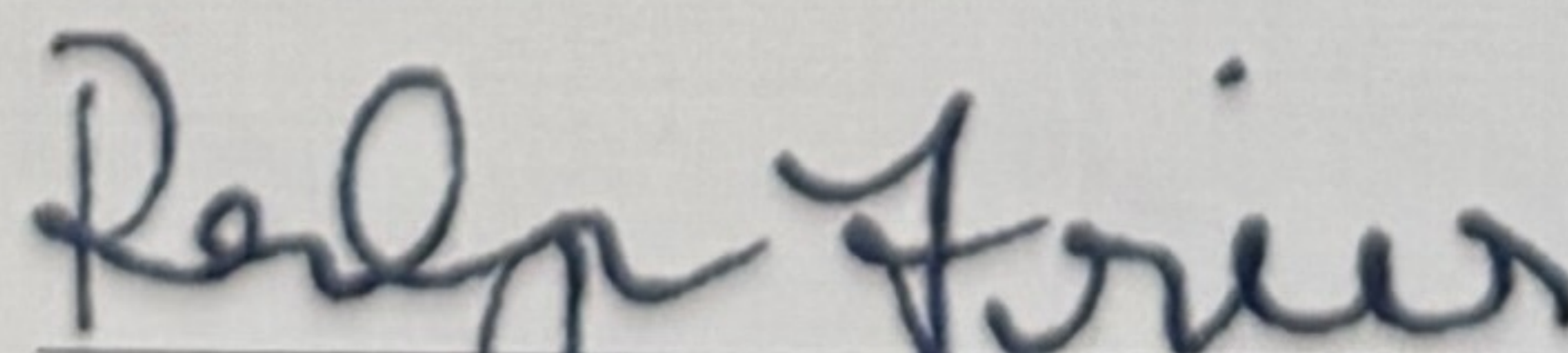
Though Butch no longer plays basketball competitively, his leadership skills and talents that were honed on the basketball court continue to shine in the work he does. He currently serves Arctic Slope Regional Corporation as their executive vice president and chief operating officer. In this role he has helped build teams that have grown the organization, diversified their investments, and developed a long-term strategy for the corporation. His aptitude for leading by example has made him a positive role model for future generations.

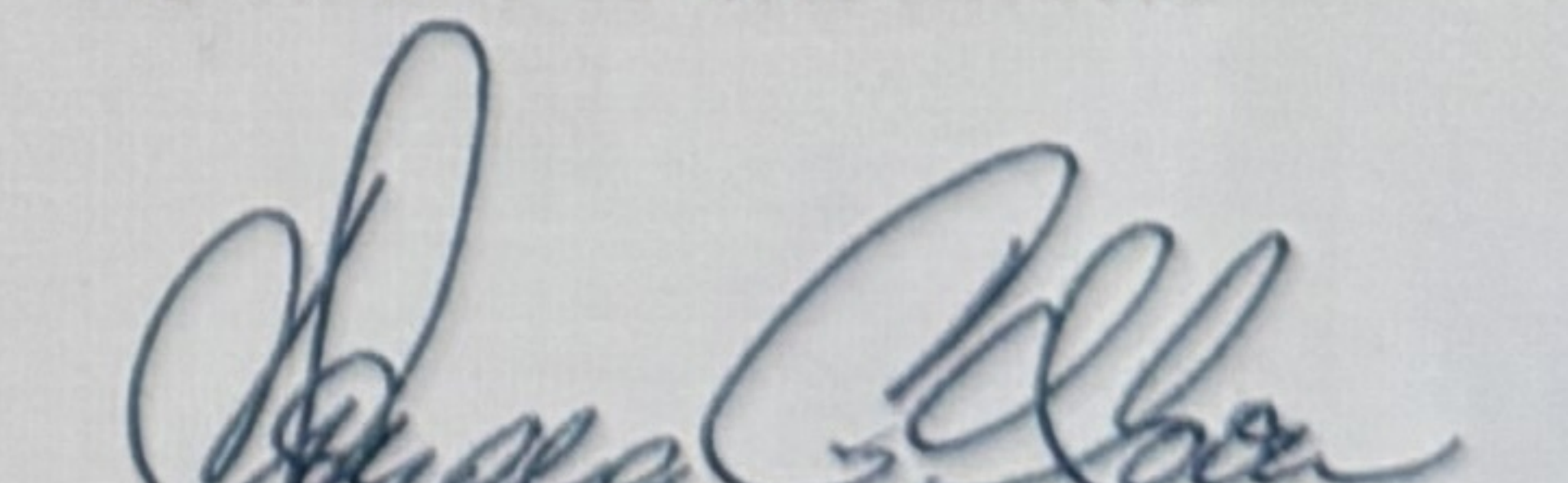
The members of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature congratulate Butch Lincoln on his achievements within the basketball community in Alaska and his place in the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame as an inductee of their eighteenth class.



  
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