

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring 1997 to be observed as the 80th Anniversary of the University of
2 Alaska Fairbanks and recognizing the vital role played by the University of
3 Alaska Fairbanks.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 WHEREAS the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines was created as a
6 land grant college in 1917, after extensive debate in the Alaska Territorial Legislature about
7 whether to accept the federal government land grant for a college, and today is known as the
8 University of Alaska Fairbanks; and

9 WHEREAS the University of Alaska Fairbanks is celebrating 80 years of serving the
10 state by teaching, research, and public service; and

11 WHEREAS the University of Alaska Fairbanks, first as a land grant institution and
12 now a sea grant and space grant institution, is mandated to deliver to the public the practical
13 knowledge produced by the research it performs; and

14 WHEREAS the University of Alaska Fairbanks is one of only 12 institutions in the
15 country that have the "triple crown" of land, sea, and space grant designations; and

16 WHEREAS the University of Alaska Fairbanks has grown along with the state it

1 serves and has made the state a better place for all of its citizens; and

2 **WHEREAS** advancements made by scientists working at the University of Alaska
3 Fairbanks in the areas of northern engineering, global climate change, marine sciences, and
4 arctic biology have changed the way the world views the Arctic;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature declares that 1997 is to be
6 observed as the 80th Anniversary of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and recognizes the
7 vital role the University of Alaska Fairbanks plays in meeting national and state needs and in
8 making the lives of all Alaskans prosperous and fulfilling.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Jerome Komisar, President of the University
10 of Alaska, and to Joan Wadlow, Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.