

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE ELKINS**

**Introduced: 3/1/05**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Resources**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to convey land to the University of**  
2 **Alaska.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska is a land grant institution offering higher  
5 education to Alaskans; and

6 **WHEREAS** an academically strong and financially secure state university system is a  
7 cornerstone to the long-term development of a stable population and to a healthy, diverse  
8 economy; and

9 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska is the successor to and the beneficiary of all  
10 federal grants and conveyances to or for the Alaska Agricultural College and School of  
11 Mines; and

12 **WHEREAS**, under the Acts of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929  
13 (45 Stat. 1091), the United States granted to the Territory of Alaska certain federal land for  
14 the University of Alaska; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Territory of Alaska did not receive most of the land intended to be  
16 conveyed by the Act of March 4, 1915, before repeal of that Act by sec. 6(k) of the Alaska

1 Statehood Act (P. L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339); and

2       **WHEREAS** only one other state land grant college in the United States has obtained a  
3 smaller land grant from the federal government than has the University of Alaska, and all land  
4 grant colleges in the western states of the United States have obtained substantially larger land  
5 grants than has the University of Alaska; and

6       **WHEREAS** Alaska is the largest state in the United States; and

7       **WHEREAS** the federal government is the largest landowner in the state;

8       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United  
9 States is urged to pass S. 293 to facilitate the continuation of higher education in Alaska  
10 through the conveyance of certain public land in the state to the University of Alaska; and be  
11 it

12       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the conveyance  
13 of federal land in Alaska that was identified for conveyance under the Acts of March 4, 1915  
14 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091), but was not conveyed before Alaska  
15 achieved statehood.

16       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
17 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States  
18 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Gale Norton, United States Secretary of the  
19 Interior; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
20 Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
21 Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority  
22 Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chair of the Energy and Natural  
23 Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa  
24 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
25 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and, by electronic transmission, to all other members of  
26 the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives serving in the 109th United States  
27 Congress.