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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the University of Alaska
6 to institute a comprehensive plan to
7 assist Native students in obtaining
8 a meaningful college education.

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

10 WHEREAS the Legislature, in providing for a number of scholarships for
11 Natives to attend the University of Alaska, recognized that the Native
12 student faced many impediments in attaining a higher education such as
13 language difficulty, the economic conditions of the Native peoples of the
14 state, transcultural conflicts and poor educational preparation; and

15 WHEREAS financial aid alone is not sufficient to insure Native students
16 the quality of education which they desire; and

17 WHEREAS a meaningful college education can only take place when the
18 student is able to relate to and interact with the academic environment; and

19 WHEREAS this cannot take place when the student is not just unfamiliar
20 with the new culture which he must accept in order to be educated in the
21 university, but that culture and environment are altogether foreign to his
22 psychological and cultural orientation; and

23 WHEREAS if the university community is to fulfill its educative role
24 with regard to all of its students, it has a duty to make provisions for
25 thorough and intensive orientation and counseling for Native students to
26 lessen the effects of transcultural conflicts and language difficulties
27 which the new student must face;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska are
29 requested to institute a comprehensive plan for assisting more Native

1 students in obtaining a college education through intensive orientation
2 and counseling programs to integrate Native students into the academic
3 community; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents is requested, upon adoption
5 of a program, to present suggestions to the Legislature for possible legis-
6 lation to assist the implementation of the program.

7 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Dr. William R. Wood, Presi-
8 dent of the University of Alaska; and to Dr. Arthur J. Schaible, the
9 Honorable Elmer E. Rasmuson, the Honorable Dorothy A. Wrede, and the
10 Honorable Robert E. McFarland, members of the Board of Regents of the Uni-
11 versity of Alaska.

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