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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the University of Alaska to  
6 begin an intensive recruitment program  
7 directed at high school students from  
8 Northwestern Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS present enrollment figures for the University of Alaska indicate  
11 that a very small number of students are from the northwest region of Alaska,  
12 and

13 WHEREAS among the students from the remote areas who do attend the  
14 university, the dropout rate is proportionally much higher than for students  
15 from other states and from Alaska's urban areas; and

16 WHEREAS, although the students from the remote areas are generally  
17 culturally and educationally disadvantaged because of many factors, not the  
18 least of which is geographical, with the proper orientation and counseling  
19 these disadvantages are not insurmountable; and

20 WHEREAS these in-school problems were the object of concern expressed  
21 in House Concurrent Resolution No. 56 am, passed during the last session of  
22 the legislature; and

23 WHEREAS the concerns over the in-school problems are moot if a signifi-  
24 cant number of high school graduates from rural northwest Alaska are not  
25 actively encouraged to enroll in the University of Alaska; and

26 WHEREAS the attainment of quality higher education by large numbers of  
27 young people from the remote areas is a necessity if they are ever to parti-  
28 cipate meaningfully in modern society;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska

1 is requested to institute an intensive recruitment program in Northwestern  
2 Alaska to encourage larger numbers of students from that area to attend the  
3 University of Alaska; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents is requested to report the  
5 progress of this recruitment effort to the First Session of the Seventh  
6 Legislature within 10 days of the convening of the legislature.

7 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Dr. William R. Wood, Presi-  
8 dent of the University of Alaska; to all members of the Board of Regents;  
9 and to Dr. Cliff R. Hartman, Commissioner of Education.

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