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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY RE-
QUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the location of the
6 central office of the University of
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the central governance of the university has been located at
10 Fairbanks because that was the original site of the university and expansion
11 of the university and its educational services and operations to communities
12 elsewhere in Alaska was contemplated; and

13 WHEREAS the university now has grown to the point where literally the
14 entire state is the "campus"; and

15 WHEREAS the Board of Regents always had endeavored to make its decisions
16 objectively and solely on the basis of what is best for the state and its
17 people; and

18 WHEREAS, while there is no demonstrable evidence of bias or favoritism
19 as a consequence of the present location of the university's central office
20 on the Fairbanks campus, nevertheless there is a human tendency for those
21 outside the university, or located at a decisional or operational level
22 outside the perimeter of the Board of Regents, to assume bias in favor of,
23 or influence by, the Fairbanks campus due to the proximity of the board
24 to the campus where its executive officer is located; and

25 WHEREAS it is evident that some functions of central governance could
26 just as well or better be administered from another office location;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Board of
28 Regents of the University of Alaska to move the office of the Board of
29 Regents of the university and the offices of the statewide administrative

1 officers of the university, and that they be established in a location that
2 is not on a university or community college campus; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that as a first step the board's office be moved and
4 established at a location in downtown Fairbanks by July 1, 1972, or as soon
5 thereafter as possible; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents appoint a subcommittee of
7 its members to study carefully possible alternative sites for the location
8 of the statewide university administrative offices permanently either in
9 downtown Fairbanks, Anchorage or Juneau, or some other location, and that
10 this subcommittee make its recommendations to the board at the earliest
11 possible date to enable completion of the permanent move of the board's
12 offices before July 1, 1975.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. William A. O'Neil,
14 President, and to the members of the Board of Regents of the University of
15 Alaska, and to Dr. William R. Wood, President of the University of Alaska.

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