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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Congratulating Robert C. Uddenberg on  
6 his inauguration as President of  
7 Sheldon Jackson College.

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

9 WHEREAS on Friday, March 8, 1974, Sheldon Jackson College will inaugurate  
10 its fifth president, Robert C. Uddenberg; and

11 WHEREAS, Tacoma-born, Bob Uddenberg was graduated from the Berkeley  
12 campus of the University of California in 1936 with a bachelor's degree in  
13 aeronautical engineering, then earned a master's degree at the Massachusetts  
14 Institute of Technology before returning to the University of California to  
15 teach aeronautical engineering, followed by his subsequent employment by the  
16 Boeing Corporation; and

17 WHEREAS he was Boeing's first aerodynamicist specializing in supersonic  
18 flight; in 1962, Bob Uddenberg became involved in the Apollo space program  
19 when Boeing began building Saturn boosters for moon rockets, taking charge  
20 of the Saturn program in Florida before returning to Seattle where he turned  
21 his attention to the problem of applying aerospace technology to the solution  
22 of the nation's surface transportation problems; and

23 WHEREAS, a distinguished scientist and businessman, Bob Uddenberg has  
24 been honored by election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, and is  
25 also an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astro-  
26 nautics; and

27 WHEREAS, despite a demanding schedule of professional responsibilities,  
28 Bob Uddenberg has found time to be a prominent lay leader in the United  
29 Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., and presently is a member of its General

1 Assembly Mission Council; and

2 WHEREAS, before assuming the Presidency of Alaska's oldest educational  
3 institution on February 1, 1973, Bob Uddenberg served as Sheldon Jackson  
4 College's Vice-President for Finance and Campus Planning; since his elevation  
5 to the Presidency he has moved expeditiously to cement a close working  
6 relationship with the Sitka Community College of the University of Alaska  
7 under the Sitka Higher Education Consortium; and, under his expert, sound  
management, a new administration building has been constructed and a magni-  
ficent new library has been added to the campus adjacent to the world-renowned  
10 Sheldon Jackson Museum;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature welcomes Robert C.  
12 Uddenberg to Alaska and to the Presidency of Sheldon Jackson College: it is  
13 a long way from moon trips to outer space launched from the beaches of  
14 Florida to the inner spatial problems of postsecondary education on the shores  
15 of Sitka Sound, but the members of the Alaska Legislature congratulate you,  
16 Bob Uddenberg, on your willingness, after 32 years of scientific and corporate  
17 leadership, to accept a new challenge: building on Sheldon Jackson College's  
18 honored reputation for exceptional educational and public service throughout  
19 Alaska and the West and launching it into a new era of greatness in the  
20 galaxy of stars that comprise the institutions of higher education in this  
21 state in which we take pride.

22 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to President and Mrs. Robert C.  
23 Uddenberg.