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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.94

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Congratulating Robert W. Hiatt on
6 his inauguration as President of the
7 University of Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS on May 4, 1974, Robert W. Hiatt will be inaugurated as the
10 fifth President of the University of Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of San Jose, California, Bob Hiatt received his
12 Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State College in 1936, and earned his
13 Ph.D. in Marine Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley in
14 1941; and

15 WHEREAS, after serving two years on the faculty of Montana State
16 College, Robert W. Hiatt, from 1943 to 1969, became assistant, associate
17 and senior professor, then chairman of the Department of Zoology and
18 Entomology, Dean of the Graduate School and Director of Research, Vice
19 President for Academic Affairs, and ultimately Acting President of the
20 University of Hawaii before retiring in 1969; and

21 WHEREAS, during those 26 years at the University of Hawaii, he founded
22 and developed the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, conceived and guided
23 the development of a Marine Sciences Campus at that university including a
24 laboratory for experimental marine biology, an oceanographic and fisheries
25 center, and an engineering hydraulics research center, and also was instru-
26 mental in the development of the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics, the Pacific
27 Biomedical Research Center, the University Computer Center, and the Social
28 Science Research Institute; and

29 WHEREAS, with a long and distinguished professional background in

1 teaching, research and administration in marine sciences, it is particularly
2 fitting that Robert W. Hiatt should become the President of the University
3 of Alaska at a point in time when all Alaskans are hopeful that the univer-
4 sity, already prominent and recognized as a leader in the sciences and
5 engineering as they relate to the arctic environment and situated, too, on
6 the rim of the Pacific and easily accessible to marine and estuarine re-
7 sources, will develop an outstanding program in, and make a significant
8 contribution to, the emerging field of marine biology and fisheries because
9 this renewable resource constitutes a basic element in the economy of, and
10 is essential to the development of the promise that is Alaska;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Dr. Robert W. Hiatt
12 is welcomed to Alaska and congratulated on his inauguration as President of
13 the University of Alaska; we are confident that his selection as President
14 will open a new era for the statewide university when it will take its
15 rightful place among the major contributors to knowledge and understanding,
16 not only among academic institutions in the United States, but more impor-
17 tantly throughout the Pacific Basin where Bob Hiatt has traveled, studied,
18 and is so widely respected a member of his profession.

19 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hiatt.
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