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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 147
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to Alaska Methodist University
6 and the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

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

8 WHEREAS Alaska Methodist University has announced its intention to
9 cease operations of its present educational program at its Anchorage campus
10 on June 30, 1976; and

11 WHEREAS extensive and elaborate plans by Alaska Methodist University and
12 the University of Alaska, Anchorage, for the orderly transfer of personnel,
13 students, and programs in anticipation of Alaska Methodist University's
14 eventual closure were formulated during the 1974-75 academic year; and

15 WHEREAS the present faculties at the two universities have continued
16 these planning sessions and have shown a commendable degree of cooperation in
17 trying to develop a satisfactory plan for an orderly merger of the two insti-
18 tutions; and

19 WHEREAS it is realized that past planning may be useful but no longer
20 totally applicable to the current situation;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully re-
22 quests the respective boards and presidents of the two universities to review
23 all past and present transfer and merger plans, to distill from these efforts
24 and identify those salient components applicable to the present situation, to
25 foster and encourage further student, faculty, staff and community dialogue
26 aimed at refinement of an acceptable merger plan, and, finally, to synthesize
27 a plan which will ensure an orderly transfer of appropriate Alaska Methodist
28 University students, programs and personnel to the University of Alaska,
29 Anchorage, by September, 1976, so that educational opportunity will be

1 assured and academic excellence will be enhanced in the Anchorage area; and
2 be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
4 the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to coordinate, supervise,
5 and assist the two universities in effecting an orderly merger of students,
6 programs, and personnel.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the President and Board of
8 Regents of the University of Alaska, the President and Board of Trustees of
9 Alaska Methodist University, and to the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
10 Education.