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1 IN THE SENATE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Paying tribute to the memory of

6 Dr. Ernest N. Patty.

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

8 WHEREAS, as this Second Session of the Ninth Alaska Legislature opened,
9 its members learned of the passing, January 12 in Seattle, of one of the
10 state's most noted educators and citizens, Dr. Ernest N. Patty, President-
11 emeritus of the University of Alaska and one of the nation's leading authori-
12 ties on mining engineering; and

13 WHEREAS, a native of Oregon, Dr. Patty came to this state in 1922; he
14 was one of the University of Alaska's six original faculty members; as pro-
15 fessor of geology and mineralogy when the Alaska Agricultural College and
16 School of Mines opened that year in Fairbanks, he organized the School of
17 Mines, became its dean and helped establish its nationwide reputation among
18 the country's mining schools; he was instrumental in elevating the college
19 to university status in 1935; Ernest N. Patty became the University of
20 Alaska's third president, serving from 1953 until his retirement in 1960; the
21 physical education building on the Fairbanks campus, Patty Gymnasium, was
22 named in his honor; these years of stewardship at the University he faith-
23 fully recorded in his autobiographical, "North Country Challenge;" and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to his academic activities, Dr. Patty was general
25 manager of the McRae-Patty mining interests, the third largest gold dredging
26 operation in Alaska and pioneered in the development of mining techniques in
27 the North; in recognition of his professional achievements, he was elected
28 the first president of the Alaska Miners Association and was a member of the
29 Explorers Club of New York and the Rainier Club of Seattle;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Alaska Legislature, in expressing
2 their sympathy to the family of Ernest N. Patty, pause to pay tribute to
3 Dr. Patty's lifelong commitment to the development of Alaska's state univer-
4 sity system over the course of four decades in Alaska and to note his dis-
5 tinguished contribution to the science of mining engineering.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his widow, Virginia, and to
7 his sons, Stanton of Seattle and Dale of Shreveport, Louisiana.

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