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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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