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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, with a long and distinguished professional background in teaching, research and administration in marine sciences,

it is particularly fitting that Robert W. Hiatt should become the President of the University of Alaska at a point in time when all Alaskans are hopeful that the university, already prominent and recognized as a leader in the sciences and engineering as they relate to the arctic environment and situated, too, on the rim of the Pacific and easily accessible to marine and estuarine resources, will develop an outstanding program in, and make a significant contribution to, the emerging field of marine biology and fisheries because this renewable resource constitutes a basic element in the economy of, and is essential to the development of the promise that is Alaska;

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

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