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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

Honoring Fred Koschmann.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, after a distinguished career of more than three and one-half decades in education and ten years of service as Director of the Juneau-Douglas Community College of the University of Alaska, Fred Koschmann will retire from his administrative responsibilities in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Idaho, Fred Koschmann earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Oklahoma City University in 1936, a Bachelor of Arts in education from Eastern Washington College in 1938, a Bachelor of Divinity in theology from Dubuque Presbyterian Seminary in 1948, and a Master's in education from Seattle Pacific College in 1962; and

WHEREAS he has served as pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, and the First Presbyterian Churches in Fairbanks and Othello, Washington; additionally, he has been Moderator of the Presbytery of the Yukon; and

WHEREAS Fred Koschmann first came to know the problems and challenges of education in Alaska as a public school teacher in Fairbanks; he also served as an instructor in education at the University of Alaska, Superintendent of the Anchorage Public Schools, and Dean of Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka from 1956 to 1964, before he was appointed Director of the Juneau-Douglas Community College in that year; and

WHEREAS, under Fred Koschmann's guidance, the student body of 100 he met at Juneau-Douglas Community College in 1964 has quadrupled in the decade of his stewardship; they now attend

classes both at the college's downtown campus and at the magnificently situated, expanding campus at Auke Lake; and

WHEREAS, although a disastrous fire swept through and destroyed the downtown campus of the Juneau-Douglas Community College in those frigid early morning hours of February 22, 1972, it did not destroy the program or the spirit of the community college's student body, faculty and administration which, under Fred Koschmann's leadership, has made the Juneau-Douglas Community College responsive to the needs of this community and one of the most innovative of the University of Alaska's statewide system of community colleges; and

WHEREAS as President of the Northwest Association of Community and Junior Colleges and a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Adult Education Association, Fred Koschmann has been instrumental in extending the community college program not only in the Juneau-Douglas area, but also regionally throughout Southeast Alaska and the Northwestern states;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Juneau-Douglas Community College, it salutes Fred Koschmann as a distinguished educator for his contribution to the development of Alaska's unique community colleges not only in Juneau, but also in Southeast Alaska and throughout the state and Pacific Northwest, and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koschmann.