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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Paying tribute to the memory of Dr. E. Lee McLean.

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### BE IT RESOLVED

#### BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the members of the Alaska Legislature are deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of Dr. E. Lee McLean under tragic circumstances in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, a native of Indiana, Lee McLean made his home in Phoenix, Arizona, from which he directed a nationwide consulting service as one of the recognized authorities on college and university development serving as a consultant and advisor to many of the nation's leading institutions of higher education on problems of fund raising, as well as administrative management and curriculum; and

WHEREAS he served as a professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, and later was a member of the administrative and development staffs of both the University of California and Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS Lee McLean's first contact with this state occurred in 1962 when as a consultant to the University of Alaska he conducted the study that recommended the development of Alaska's system of community colleges and their expansion throughout the state; and

WHEREAS as consultant to the Legislative Council's Interim Committee on Higher Education from 1971 to the present, Lee McLean and his associated colleagues conducted the first comprehensive analysis ever undertaken of the state's higher education resources, their potential and their problems; and

WHEREAS McLean Associates' series of reports beginning with "Higher Education In Alaska" in 1972 resulted that year in the enactment of Alaska's unique and highly regarded program of tuition grants, the funding of which rescued private higher education in this state during a period when private colleges and universities throughout the United States were experiencing grave financial stress; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 and 1974, additional reports to the legislature by McLean Associates focused on the operation and success of higher education consortia established both in Anchorage and Sitka to encourage intercollegiate cooperation and joint use of faculties and facilities to meet ever-expanding needs for higher educational services in those communities, and led to the enactment of legislation establishing the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, making significant changes in the state's generous student financial aid program, and proposing a revision of the Community College Act;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the members of both the Senate and House, in expressing their profound sorrow to the members of his family, acknowledge Dr. E. Lee McLean's significant, distinguished contribution made to the development and progress of higher education in Alaska for a period of more than a decade as a consultant both to its state university and to its legislature.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to his mother, Mrs. Hazel McLean of Phoenix, Arizona and to his son and daughter.