

Resolution in Memory of Eugene F. Short

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short was born December 17, 1916, in San Francisco, California, and earned a bachelor's degree from the College of the Pacific in Stockton, and a master's degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short came to Alaska in 1955 as a teacher of physics at Anchorage High School which later became West Anchorage High School, and taught there for three years; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short believed passionately in the value and importance of community-based higher education, and was appointed director of Anchorage Community College in 1959 when there were 800 students enrolled; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short tirelessly promoted Anchorage Community College for adult Alaskans seeking a high school diploma, and also encourage innovative programs in nursing, electronics, welding, aviation, dental assisting and faculty programs in the humanities, social sciences, business and office administration; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short also started off-campus college education programs at military bases and outlying communities, and worked diligently to obtain federal and state grants for the fledgling Anchorage Community College; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short retired in 1976, the enrollment at Anchorage Community College had grown from 800 to 7,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short was honored by the University of Alaska in 1972 by his name being given to the former community college administration building on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short was honored again in 1979 when the University of Alaska Board of Regents awarded him an honorary Doctor of Education degree; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short dedicated his life to helping and to educating others and to enriching their lives; and

WHEREAS, Eugene F. Short died at the age of 83 on February 8, 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents recognizes the substantial and meaningful contributions in the field of Alaska education made by Eugene F. Short; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents extends to the family of Eugene F. Short its deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be conveyed to the family of Eugene F. Short, with a copy to be incorporated into the official minutes of the February 17-18, 2000 meeting of the Board of Regents.