WHEREAS Ms. Helga R. Wilm has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1968 to 2008; and

WHEREAS Ms. Wilm has, as assistant to four research directors at the University, played an essential role in helping them lead major research centers and develop significant research projects, thereby enhancing the worldwide scientific reputation of the University; and has been lauded by her colleagues for her insights, collaborative nature and extraordinary capabilities; and

WHEREAS Ms. Wilm has earned a reputation for working well and productively with a sweeping range of people and programs, including students, faculty, staff and administrators of the University, as well as government officials and funding agencies; and

WHEREAS Ms. Wilm's unique blend of professionalism, diplomacy and efficiency, mixed with asperity or warmth as the occasion required, has been relied upon by many at the University as an antidote to bureaucratic confusion and delay; and who has thus been acknowledged as being a significant factor in furthering the University's renown as a research institution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Helga R. Wilm for her extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in further recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Ms. Wilm and as evidence of the University's desire that her identification with the University be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Ms. Helga R. Wilm as Executive Officer, Emerita; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and signed by the Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks as further evidence of the esteem and respect in which he holds Ms. Helga R. Wilm, and conveyed to Ms. Wilm on this day of May 10, 2009.