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I was saddened to hear of the passing of Robert Martin, a former University of Alaska Regent and an active representative in Southeast Alaska. I had the privilege to work with him during his term on the board and always had a deep respect for his leadership.

Bob served Juneau and the Alaska Native communities in countless ways, and held many important positions over his long career. He graduated from the University of Alaska in 1969 with a degree in electrical engineering. He became the Director of the Southeast Region for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; general manager of both Tlingit Haida REA and Chugach Electric; regional roads engineer for the Alaska Bureau of Indian Affairs and vice president of corporate development for Sealaska Corp. A man with the heart of a public servant, Bob was a member and past president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp No. 70, a member of the Denali Commission's Energy Advisory Board, and served in so many other roles that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce honored him as Citizen of the Year in 2008.

I remember Bob as a proud and knowledgeable historian and storyteller, a passionate advocate for the university and Southeast Alaska, a devoted family man and a humble public servant. My sincere condolences to his wife Ginny, their daughters Hilary and Danielle, and all who will miss his great humor and compassion.

Sincerely,
Pat Pitney
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