

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62(CRA)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/18/98**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES OGAN, Kohring, Porter, Grussendorf, Kelly, Mulder, Foster, Hodgins, Davis, Davies, Dyson, Ryan, Kemplen, Rokeberg**

**SENATORS Green, Halford, Taylor, Pearce, Miller, Ward**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to bringing Balto back to Alaska.**

**2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**3 WHEREAS** Balto was the lead dog in the final leg of the serum run to Nome in 1925,  
**4** in which he helped to save the lives of many Alaskans, and, for his efforts, Balto became  
**5** famous and a part of the state's history; and

**6 WHEREAS** Balto was later sold to a side show in the lower 48 states where he spent  
**7** two years and was poorly treated; and

**8 WHEREAS** business persons and children from a school raised money to buy Balto,  
**9** and he was housed in a zoo in Cleveland until he passed away in 1933; and

**10 WHEREAS** Balto was preserved by a taxidermist and donated to the Cleveland  
**11** Museum of Natural History where he is only exhibited every other year, and, when not being  
**12** exhibited, is stored in the archives of the museum; and

**13 WHEREAS** Balto and the serum run to Nome inspired the Iditarod Race, and the  
**14** Wasilla Iditarod Headquarters Museum would like to house Balto, at least on a part-time  
**15** basis;

**16 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature believes that Balto should be  
**17** allowed to come home to Alaska to be housed at the Iditarod Headquarters Museum in

1 Wasilla, Alaska.

2       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the director of the Museum of Natural  
3 History in Cleveland, Ohio; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
4 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
5 the Alaska delegation in Congress.