

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.