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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a federal grant of 20  
6 Nunivak muskoxen to the state for  
7 domestication and familiarization  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS the State of Alaska and the federal government through  
11 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the  
12 Interior, have set forth the management objectives and policy to  
13 be pursued regarding the Nunivak muskox; and

14 WHEREAS the state will be better prepared to meet its part of  
15 the agreement if it secures first-hand knowledge of the muskox by  
16 handling and observation, conducting domestication experiments,  
17 and by practicing the principals of animal husbandry; and

18 WHEREAS such research and investigation will aid in determin-  
19 ing whether or not the muskox may eventually prove to be the basis  
20 of a wool, meat, or other industry in the state; and

21 WHEREAS the Nunivak muskox herd has reached a sufficiently  
22 large size to permit the detachment of 20 animals to the state  
23 without endangering the herd; and

24 WHEREAS the state, realizing that these animals are a rare  
25 and vanishing specie, will take adequate safeguards to protect  
26 the muskoxen;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior and the  
28 Assistant Secretary of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
29 are urged to grant twenty muskoxen to the state for familiariza-

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1 tion and domestication purposes; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
3 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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