

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a Soil  
6 Conservation Plant and Material Center  
7 in the Matanuska Valley.

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

9 WHEREAS there is a critical need in Alaska for species of  
10 grasses, legumes, and trees that can persist under Alaska climatic  
11 conditions and produce the needed quantities of feed and forage at  
12 reasonable cost and provide an effective conservation cover on  
13 agricultural land and on areas denuded by construction; and

14 WHEREAS experiments of the Alaska Experiment Station have  
15 shown that there are many native species of plants which, with  
16 proper development, could supply the need; and

17 WHEREAS the development can best be carried out through a  
18 properly located and equipped center rather than by the individual  
19 farmer, as is now the situation;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Department of Agricul-  
21 ture is respectfully urged to establish a Soil Conservation Plant  
22 and Material Center in the Matanuska Valley, Alaska, as approved  
23 by the National Soil and Water Conservation Advisory Committee.

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable  
25 Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Allen  
26 J. Ellender, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry;  
27 the Honorable Harold D. Cooley, Chairman, House Committee on Agri-  
28 culture; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable  
29 Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers,

1 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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