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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Directing the Legislative Council to
6 conduct a study on the reindeer
7 industry.

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

9 WHEREAS the domestication of reindeer in Alaska has had far-reaching
10 effects, already contributing greatly to the economic betterment of the
11 many northwestern Alaska native communities; and

12 WHEREAS commercially, reindeer are valued highly for their hides and
13 antlers, with the marketing of meat products rapidly coming to the fore as
14 a profitable industry for numerous native herders; and

15 WHEREAS, notwithstanding the progress to date, considerable controversy
16 surrounds many facets of the reindeer industry and its management including:
17 bureaucratic dominance, federal-state relationships, economics, slaughtering
18 and marketing as well as range management, husbandry practices, and the
19 effect of oil and gas development on the North Slope; and

20 WHEREAS in order to take full advantage of this growing industry, there
21 is a pressing need to create a central depository of in-depth information,
22 with a full consolidation of all existing studies and resource inventories;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to conduct an
24 in-depth study of the reindeer industry in Alaska, investigating and con-
25 solidating all available information and research, and report its findings
26 and recommendations to the Legislature at the earliest possible time.

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