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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the preservation of
6 Alaska's moose.

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

8 WHEREAS it has been announced that the Department of Public Safety's
9 fish and wildlife protection officers have recently killed three moose who
10 were feeding on private property; and

11 WHEREAS it is recognized that private persons should be properly pro-
12 tected from economic loss or damage to their property by our moose; and

13 WHEREAS it is also true that Alaska's moose are one of our most valued
14 natural resources and it is of the highest necessity that the state make
15 every effort to help preserve, protect and soundly manage the species; and

16 WHEREAS in most instances where wildlife such as moose have entered
17 private lands and are creating a nuisance or constituting a hazard, there are
18 means available to our fish and wildlife protection officers to remove the
19 intruder from the area without resorting to a simple slaughter; and

20 WHEREAS the cost to the state of removing an animal from a given area
21 as opposed to killing it should not be the sole and determining criterion used
22 by protection officers;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully
24 requested to direct the Department of Public Safety to resort to the killing
25 of our intruding wildlife only when removal is not feasible, as taking
26 the animals from the area serves the interests of a private person's protec-
27 tion and enjoyment of his property and safeguards the people's right to proper
28 protection of a valuable natural resource.
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