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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to domesticated musk-ox.

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

7 WHEREAS the musk-ox is better adapted for survival in the harsh arctic
8 environment of Alaska than any domestic animal in North America; and

9 WHEREAS musk-ox have been considered a potentially valuable domestic
10 animal for the high latitude regions of Alaska since they were reintroduced
11 into Alaska in 1928; and

12 WHEREAS the Musk Ox Producers' Co-operative has sought to domesticate
13 the musk-ox in order to provide a base for economic development in rural
14 Alaska through the production of qiviut, the soft underhair which consti-
15 tutes the warm winter coat of the musk-ox; and

16 WHEREAS more than 150 persons in over 16 rural villages are currently
17 supplementing their cash incomes through the sale of garments handknit from
18 qiviut;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature finds that those
20 musk-ox held for the purpose of producing qiviut and other animal products
21 are domestic animals; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature finds that the
23 managers of domestic musk-ox herds shall be eligible for any technical
24 assistance which is provided to the producers of domestic livestock by state
25 agencies.

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