

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

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Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Protecting the lifestyle of pachyderms and other exotic animals.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

3 **WHEREAS** elephants and certain other exotic animals are a form of the labor force,
4 provide entertainment, and are used for promotional events; and

5 **WHEREAS** there is no known documentation that the African elephant transmits
6 dangerous diseases to mankind; and

7 **WHEREAS** the children and other citizens of Alaska should not be deprived of an
8 opportunity to an education as part of the animal world; and

9 **WHEREAS** the state should promote good business relations and enhance educational
10 opportunities for visitors and residents to experience; and

11 **WHEREAS** a particular African elephant (Moxie) has been officially certified and
12 approved by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

13 **WHEREAS** Alaska is the only state in the union that includes elephants on the exotic
14 animal prohibition list;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives respectfully requests the
16 Governor to ask the commissioner of fish and game to grant a second extension under an
17 educational permit; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Moxie, a once orphaned elephant and star of television
2 and screen, should be permanently exempted from the exotic animal prohibition list; and be
3 it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that any African elephant and certain other exotic animals
5 that enter the state for purposes of exhibition, entertainment, or education should be excluded
6 from the prohibited list.