

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

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Amended: 4/18/94
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A RESOLUTION

1 Protecting the lifestyle of pachyderms.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

3 WHEREAS elephants are a form of the labor force, provide entertainment, and are
4 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 that enters the state for purposes
5 of exhibition, entertainment, or education should be excluded from the prohibited list.