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Relating to bringing Balto back to Alaska.

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

WHEREAS Balto was the lead dog in the final leg of the serum run to Nome in 1925, in which he helped to save the lives of many Alaskans, and, for his efforts, Balto became famous and a part of the state's history; and

WHEREAS Balto was later sold to a side show in the lower 48 states where he spent two years and was poorly treated; and

WHEREAS business persons and children from a school raised money to buy Balto, and he was housed in a zoo in Cleveland until he passed away in 1933; and

WHEREAS Balto was preserved by a taxidermist and donated to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History where he is only exhibited every other year, and, when not being exhibited, is stored in the archives of the museum; and

WHEREAS Balto and the serum run to Nome inspired the Iditarod Race, and the Wasilla Iditarod Headquarters Museum would like to house Balto, at least on a part-time basis;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature believes that Balto should be allowed to come home to Alaska to be housed at the Iditarod Headquarters Museum in

Wasilla, Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the director of the Museum of Natural History in Cleveland, Ohio; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.