

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: May 19, 1981
Vote: Unanimous Consent
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 81-83

IMPORTUNING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA TO CONTINUE THE HOMER RESEARCH CENTER AS A PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA AGRICULTURE EXPERIMENT STATIONS, AND MEMORIALIZING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE A DIRECT APPROPRIATION IF NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE VITAL WORK OF THE HOMER RESEARCH CENTER.

WHEREAS, the budget appropriations contemplated for the University of Alaska may leave the Agriculture Experiment Stations short on operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the Homer Research Center which has been conducted as an experiment station is a vital part of developing a beef cattle industry in the Homer area and other parts of the Kenai Peninsula, and other parts of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the experiment station has been conducting research in fertilizer application rates, forage production of various grass varieties, rate of gain of beef cattle grazing native range, as well as intake and digestibility by beef cattle grazing native range, and hay quality evaluation and winter feed management systems; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank and the Alaska Energy Commission have recognized the importance of the Homer Research Center and have provided a research grant; and

WHEREAS, the Homer Research Center desperately needs operating funds to keep the station functioning;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Assembly enthusiastically supports the Agriculture Experiment Station at the Homer Research Center because of the conduct of beneficial research to aid the development of the agricultural potential of the Kenai Peninsula and the agricultural industry statewide. The Assembly importunes the University of Alaska and the Twelfth Legislature of the State of Alaska jointly and severally to evaluate the importance of the Homer Research Center as an aid to the statewide agricultural industry potential and development which deserves a classification of the highest priority.

The Assembly urges that the Twelfth Legislature act immediately upon either sufficient budgetary appropriations to the University of Alaska, or by direct appropriation to the Homer Research Center for necessary operating expenses in the Fiscal Year July 1981 to July 1982, by funding a budget at least in the amount of \$218,058.17.

Section 2. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be served upon the Honorable Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the State of Alaska, upon the Honorable Jalmar Kerttula, President of the State Senate, upon the Honorable James Duncan, Speaker of the State House, upon the Honorable Donald E. Gilman, State Senator, and upon the Honorables Bette Cato, Hugh Malone, and Pat O'Connell, State Representatives. This resolution shall also be served upon Mr. Edward B. Rasmuson, Board of Regents, 2101 Otter Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99504 and upon Mr. Jay Barton, President, University of Alaska, BUN 101, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ON THIS 19th DAY OF May, 1981.

Paula Fischer
Paul Fischer, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Frances Bryner
Borough Clerk