

SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 9

“PROCLAIMING ALASKA AGRICULTURE DAY FOR 2005 AND 2006”

HCR 9 acknowledges the importance of agriculture in Alaska. This resolution is in recognition of the farmers and those in related industries who feed our state and add more than \$50,000,000 annually to the economy of the State of Alaska. Agriculture in Alaska has truly great potential particularly in the area of pharmaceutical corn and other highly advanced areas of agriculture. It is crucial that we take every opportunity to take advantage of the strengths of this state and educate our students and our workforce in the value of modern agriculture to our economy and our society.

As a Representative of Palmer, member of the NCSL Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, and the CSG Agriculture and Rural Policy Task Force I know firsthand the need for, and value of, agriculture in Alaska and urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.