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By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress
11 to oppose federal legislation that interferes with a state's ability to
12 direct the transport or processing of horses.
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14 WHEREAS, The processing of horses has become a controversial and
15 emotional issue and has resulted in the closing of all horse processing
16 facilities throughout the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Federal legislation was introduced to amend the 1970
18 Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, de-
19 livering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling or donation of horses
20 and other equines for processing and other purposes; and

21 WHEREAS, The loss of secondary markets has severely impacted the
22 livestock industry by eliminating the salvage value of horses and has sig-
23 nificantly reduced the market value of all horses; and

24 WHEREAS, Prohibitions regarding the processing of horses have re-
25 sulted in significant increases in abandoned and starving animals and have
26 had significant economic impact on the entire equine industry; and

27 WHEREAS, The increase in unwanted or unusable horses has over-
28 whelmed private animal welfare agencies and the public's ability to care
29 for surplus domestic horses; and

30 WHEREAS, The annual number of unwanted or unusable surplus do-
31 mestic horses is estimated to be 100,000, compounding annually; and

32 WHEREAS, Issues related to the humane handling and slaughter of
33 surplus domestic horses are best addressed by proper regulations and
34 inspection and not by banning or exporting the issue; and

35 WHEREAS, State agriculture and rural leaders recognize the neces-
36 sity and benefit of a state's ability to direct the transport and processing
37 of horses: Now, therefore,

38 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
39 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the United States Congress is urged
40 to oppose federal legislation that interferes with a state's ability to direct
41 the transport or processing of horses; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
43 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States,

1 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
2 States House of Representatives and each member of the Kansas legis-
3 ~~lative~~ **congressional** delegation.