

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5004

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 States House of Representatives and each member of the Kansas legis-
- 2 lative delegation.