

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1045

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution memorializing Congress to reinstate the
8 humane slaughter of horses; and directing
9 distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, all three horse processing plants in the United States
12 have been forced to cease business temporarily as a result of recent
13 U.S. Court decisions; and

14 WHEREAS, two bills currently pending in Congress, H.R. 503 and
15 S. 311, would ban the processing of horses for human food; and

16 WHEREAS, if these two pieces of legislation prevail, all horse
17 processing plants in the United States will be shut down
18 permanently; and

19 WHEREAS, removing horse slaughter as a viable humane method of
20 disposing of unneeded or unwanted horses would compromise horse
21 welfare as many producers may have little recourse but to abandon
22 their horses resulting in further suffering, injury, starvation or
23 harm to others; and
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1 WHEREAS, the ban also threatens to do serious financial harm to
2 many legitimate businesses dependent on the horse industry by
3 markedly devaluing horses with no other marketable purpose; and

4 WHEREAS, legislation banning the only federally supervised
5 humane euthanasia for horses is a dangerous intrusion of government
6 on the private property rights of animal owners.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives memorializes Congress
10 to enact legislation to reinstate the humane slaughter of horses.

11 THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the
12 Oklahoma congressional delegation.

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