

ENROLLED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION NO. 1045

By: Shoemake and Richardson of the House

and

Ballenger, Adelson, Aldridge,  
Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Bingman,  
Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,  
Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain,  
Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre,  
Ellis, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Halligan,  
Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson  
(Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster,  
Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,  
Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack,  
Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz,  
Sparks, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes,  
Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to  
oppose certain federal legislation relating to  
domestic horses; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the processing of horses has become a controversial and  
emotional issue and has resulted in the closing of all horse  
processing facilities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation was introduced to amend the 1970  
Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving,  
delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation  
of horses and other equines for processing and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the loss of secondary markets has severely impacted the  
livestock industry by eliminating the salvage value of horses and  
has significantly reduced the market value of all horses; and

WHEREAS, prohibitions regarding the processing of horses have resulted in significant increases in abandoned and starving animals and have had significant economic impact on the entire equine industry; and

WHEREAS, the increase in unwanted or unusable horses has overwhelmed private animal welfare agencies and the ability of the public to care for surplus domestic horses; and

WHEREAS, the annual number of unwanted or unusable surplus domestic horses is estimated to be one hundred thousand, compounding annually; and

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

WHEREAS, state agriculture and rural leaders recognize the necessity and benefit of the ability of a state to direct the transport and processing of horses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT Congress is urged to oppose federal legislation that interferes with the ability of a state to direct the transport or processing of horses.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the President of the United States, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 15th day of  
February, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of May, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate