

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
**House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1045**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1045 - By: SHOEMAKE of the House.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.