

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1045

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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