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8 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

9 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
10 AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT
11 HORSE PROCESSING FACILITIES.
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20 WHEREAS, horse processing is the most tightly regulated animal harvest;
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23 WHEREAS, horse processing is the only animal processing for which
24 transportation is regulated; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Horse Welfare Coalition estimates that annually ninety
27 thousand (90,000) to one hundred thousand (100,000) unwanted horses will be
28 exposed to potential abandonment and neglect if horse processing plants are
29 forced to close and horse export options are eliminated; and
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31 WHEREAS, those ninety thousand (90,000) to one hundred thousand
32 (100,000) unwanted horses will compete each year for adoption with the
33 thirty-two thousand (32,000) wild horses that United States taxpayers are
34 currently paying forty million dollars (\$40 million) to shelter and feed; and
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36 WHEREAS, the nation's inadequate, overburdened, and unregulated horse

1 rescue and adoption facilities cannot handle the influx of approximately
2 sixty thousand (60,000) or more additional horses each year that would result
3 from a harvesting ban, according to the Congressional Research Service; and
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5 WHEREAS, many zoo animal diets rely on equine protein because it
6 closely resembles the food that the zoo animal would consume in the wild; and
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8 WHEREAS, many veterinarians and animal nutritionists assert that equine
9 protein is the healthiest diet for big cats and rare birds; and
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11 WHEREAS, the only source of equine protein that is inspected by the
12 United States Department of Agriculture will be eliminated if federal
13 legislation shuts down horse processing facilities,
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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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19 That the House of Representatives of the Eighty-seventh General
20 Assembly of the State of Arkansas requests all members of the Arkansas
21 congressional delegation to support the continuation of horse processing in
22 the United States and to offer incentives that help create horse processing
23 plants, such as state-inspected horse harvest for export.
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
26 seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas urges the Congress of the
27 United States to support new horse processing facilities and the continuation
28 of existing facilities on both the state and national level.
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
31 seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas urges the Congress of the
32 United States to oppose S. 311 and H.R. 503 of the 110th Congress and to
33 support the processing of horses in the United States and internationally.
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
36 seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas supports the location of

1 United States Department of Agriculture-approved horse processing facilities
2 on state, tribal, or private lands under mutually-acceptable and market-
3 driven land leases and, if necessary, a mutually-acceptable assignment of
4 revenues that meets the needs of all parties involved with the horse
5 processing facility; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, after adoption, copies of this resolution
8 shall be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the
9 members of Arkansas's congressional delegation, the President of the United
10 States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

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