

House Concurrent Resolution No. 33

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, horse processing is the most tightly regulated of any animal harvest, and
3 the horse is the only animal that has its transportation to processing regulated. If horse
4 processing plants are forced to close and export options are limited, the Horse Welfare Coalition
5 estimates the 90,000 to 100,000 unwanted horses annually would be exposed to potential
6 abandonment and neglect; and

7 **Whereas**, the 90,000 to 100,000 additional unwanted horses each year would
8 compete for adoption with the 32,000 wild horses that United States taxpayers are already paying
9 \$40 million to shelter and feed; and

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11 **Whereas**, the nation's inadequate, overburdened, and unregulated horse
12 rescue/adoption facilities cannot handle the influx of the approximately 60,000 or more
13 additional horses each year that would result from a harvesting ban, according to the
14 Congressional Research Service; and

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16 **Whereas**, many zoo animal diets rely on equine protein because it mimics what
17 the animal would receive in the wild. Veterinarians and animal nutritionists say it is the
18 healthiest diet for big cats and rare birds. If legislation shuts down horse processing facilities,
19 the only USDA-inspected source for this meat will be eliminated:

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21 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
22 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
23 concurring therein, hereby urges the United States Congress to strongly support the continuation
24 of horse processing in the United States and to offer incentives that help create horse processing
25 plants throughout the United States, such as state-inspected horse harvest for export; and

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27 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly strongly encourages
28 Congress to support new horse processing facilities and the continuation of existing facilities on
29 both the state and national level; and

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31 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly urges Congress to oppose
32 S. 311 and H.R. 503 and we strongly support the transportation and processing of horses in the
33 United States and internationally; and

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35 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly supports the location of
36 USDA-approved horse processing facilities on state, tribal, or private lands under mutually-
37 acceptable and market-driven land leases and, if necessary, a mutually-acceptable assignment
38 of revenues that meets the needs of all parties involved with the facility; and

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40 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each
42 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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