SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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Whereas, a permanent electronic identification device to track all red meatproducing livestock from farm to table would be a great protective device for anti-bioterrorism; and

Whereas, such devices would be useful to the producers of red meat-producing livestock in controlling diseases as a method of tracing such livestock back to the farm; and

Whereas, such devices would be beneficial in providing producers with livestock carcass information, including the rate of gain; and

Whereas, such devices would be most useful in generating information on the concept of "farm to table" to protect American consumers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby encourage the Animal and Plant Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to develop and promulgate a permanent electronic identification program to be used on all red meat-producing livestock that would gather information and help protect the United States' consumer in the event of a bioterrorist threat; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the United States Department of Agriculture.