

House Concurrent Resolution No. 33

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, Missouri's long-standing agriculture tradition continues to thrive and
2 contribute to our economy and to our families; and

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4 **Whereas**, the State of Missouri has maintained a robust and profitable agriculture
5 economy, frequently ranking in the top ten among states with regard to the number of operating
6 farms, hay, cotton, and corn production, and cattle, hog, and turkey production, and more; and

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8 **Whereas**, the economic benefits from these agricultural operations are profoundly
9 important to our communities, to our state, and to our nation; and

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11 **Whereas**, with the introduction of the Missouri Animal Identification Program, a
12 coordinated effort between the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the United States
13 Department of Agriculture, the issues of food security and personal freedom became a reality for
14 Missouri agriculture producers; and

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16 **Whereas**, the United States Department of Agriculture National Identification
17 System (NAIS) is currently, should remain, a voluntary program with regard to animal
18 identification programs and marketing practices:

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20 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
21 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
22 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Agriculture to continue the
23 National Animal Identification System program as a voluntary program to allow agriculture
24 families to direct their own future; and

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26 **Be it further resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri General
27 Assembly, hereby swear as a legislative body to uphold and promote our farming community and
28 protect the freedoms we share; and
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30 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
31 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mike
32 Johanns, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.