

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

0981L.011

2 **Whereas**, the processing of horses has become a controversial and emotional issue
3 and has resulted in the closing of all horse processing facilities throughout the United States; and

4 **Whereas**, federal legislation was introduced to amend the 1970 Horse Protection
5 Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing,
6 selling, or donation of horses and other equines for processing and other purposes; and
7

8 **Whereas**, the loss of secondary markets has severely impacted the livestock
9 industry by eliminating the salvage value of horses and has significantly reduced the market
10 value of all horses; and
11

12 **Whereas**, prohibitions regarding the processing of horses have resulted in
13 significant increases in abandoned and starving animals and have had significant economic
14 impact on the entire equine industry; and
15

16 **Whereas**, the increase in unwanted or unusable horses has overwhelmed private
17 animal welfare agencies and the public's ability to care for surplus domestic horses; and
18

19 **Whereas**, the annual number of unwanted or unusable surplus domestic horses is
20 estimated to be 100,000, compounding annually; and
21

22 **Whereas**, issues related to the humane handling and slaughter of surplus domestic
23 horses are best addressed by proper regulations and inspection and not by banning or exporting
24 the issue; and
25

26 **Whereas**, state agriculture and rural leaders recognize the necessity and benefit of
27 a state's ability to direct the transport and processing of horses:
28

29 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
30 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
31 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to oppose federal legislation that
32 interferes with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of horses; and
33

34 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
35 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barack
36 Obama, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
37 the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional
38 delegation.