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11 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

12 URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE
13 SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
14 AGRICULTURE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND DECISIVE ACTION
15 TO REOPEN AND PROTECT FOREIGN MARKETS FOR
16 AMERICAN BEEF.

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18 **Subtitle**

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20 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO
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25 WHEREAS, it is imperative that by March 7, 2005, cattle trade be
26 established with Japan, South Korea, and Mexico through negotiations at the
27 highest levels of government; and

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29 WHEREAS, it is unclear which Canadian cattle would qualify for export
30 under the rules of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture
33 should determine the potential economic impact on American cattle producers
34 of new Canadian beef imports; and

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36 WHEREAS, expanded and improved inspections of Canadian cattle feed



1 manufacturers should be conducted immediately; and

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3 WHEREAS, Canadian government officials should provide a detailed
4 assessment of feed ban compliance; and

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6 WHEREAS, new more-detailed border crossing inspections of Canadian
7 cattle should be designed to verify how cattle will be inspected and
8 identified, have their age determined, and be approved for entry into the
9 United States; and

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11 WHEREAS, an efficient and effective verification program based on
12 programs already in operation in the United States should be put in place to
13 verify Canadian compliance with bovine spongiform encephalopathy firewalls;
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16 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Canadian
17 government should clearly determine the blue tongue and anaplasmosis
18 requirements to export feeder cattle to Canada to ensure harmonization of
19 trade; and

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21 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture should evaluate
22 Canada's bovine spongiform encephalopathy testing and surveillance program
23 and review all the findings concerning recent bovine spongiform
24 encephalopathy cases; and

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26 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration should audit
27 Canada's compliance with the cattle feed ban; and

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29 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture should not import
30 beef from Canadian cattle that are older than thirty (30) months of age to
31 prevent a trade imbalance that would discriminate against United States cow-
32 calf production; and

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34 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture should clarify the
35 Canadian rule regarding the importation of heifers, verification of cattle
36 age, and procedures for the importation of live cattle,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture should act immediately to provide remedies for the crisis in production and international marketing that faces the cattle industry of the United States and the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy to the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy to each member of Arkansas' congressional delegation.