1	State of Arkansas Call Item ##
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5	By: Representatives Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bolin, Bond, P.
6	Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Childers, Clemons, Cleveland, Cowling, Creekmore,
7	Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, L. Evans, D. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie,
8	Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, Harris, Hathorn, Hickinbotham, House, Hutchinson, Jackson,
9	Jacobs, Jeffrey, J. Johnson, C. Johnson, Jones, Judy, Kenney, Key, King, Lamoureux, Ledbetter,
10	Lewellen, Mack, Mahony, Martin, Matayo, Mathis, Medley, Milligan, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby,
11	Ormond, Pace, Parks, Pate, Penix, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck,
12	Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, R. Smith, Stovall, Sumpter, J. Taylor, C. Taylor,
13	Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood
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16	HOUSE RESOLUTION
17	RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BEEF INDUSTRY
18	TO ARKANSAS' ECONOMY; URGING CONTINUING SUPPORT
19	FOR THE BEEF INDUSTRY; RECOGNIZING THAT THE
20	UNITED STATES PROVIDES THE SAFEST FOOD IN THE
21	WORLD; AND URGING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL
22	DELEGATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
23	AGRICULTURE TO WORK FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
24	REOPENING OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETS FOR ARKANSAS
25	BEEF.
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27	Subtitle
28	RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND SAFETY OF
29	ARKANSAS BEEF; AND URGING THE EARLIEST
30	POSSIBLE REOPENING OF INTERNATIONAL BEEF
31	MARKETS.
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34	WHEREAS, the beef industry constitutes a significant component of
35	Arkansas agriculture and this state's food production industry; and
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1	WHEREAS, beef makes a significant contribution to school nutrition for
2	Arkansas' children; and
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4	WHEREAS, a single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy or mad cow
5	disease has caused an overreaction in both the domestic and international
6	markets; and
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8	WHEREAS, the National Food Safety Program now in place has worked
9	effectively and efficiently to identify the problem and to initiate
10	corrective and preventive measures; and
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12	WHEREAS, the United States continues to provide the safest food market
13	in the world; and
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15	WHEREAS, international markets are crucial to the continuing success of
16	agriculture in this nation and in Arkansas; and
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18	WHEREAS, the closing of international markets to United States' beef
19	has caused an unnecessary disruption in this state's beef marketing programs,
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21 22	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
23	ASSEMBLY:
24	ASSETIDE1:
25	THAT the General Assembly urges the Arkansas congressional delegation
26	to make every immediate effort to assist the United States Department of
27	Agriculture in reopening international markets to Arkansas' beef products.
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29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of Agriculture
30	seeks to reassure international markets concerning the safety of United
31	States' and Arkansas' beef and seeks the earliest opportunity to reopen
32	international markets to United States' and Arkansas' beef.
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34	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the members
35	of the Arkansas congressional delegation and to the Secretary of the United
36	States Department of Agriculture.