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Call Item ##  
  
HR 1012

5 By: Representatives *Sullivan, Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bolin,*  
6 *Bond, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Childers, Clemons, Cleveland, Cowling,*  
7 *Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, L. Evans, D. Evans, Ferguson, Fite,*  
8 *Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, Harris, Hathorn, Hickinbotham, House, Hutchinson,*  
9 *Jackson, 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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## 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.

### 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 NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY:

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25           THAT the *House of Representatives* urges the Arkansas congressional  
26 delegation to make every immediate effort to assist the United States  
27 Department of Agriculture in reopening international markets to Arkansas'  
28 beef products.

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of Agriculture  
31 seeks to reassure international markets concerning the safety of United  
32 States' and Arkansas' beef and seeks the earliest opportunity to reopen  
33 international markets to United States' and Arkansas' beef.

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35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the members  
36 of the Arkansas congressional delegation and to the Secretary of the United

1 States Department of Agriculture.

2 /s/ Sullivan, et al

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