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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO URGE HORSE OWNERS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
10 THE HUMANE TREATMENT AND CARE OF HORSES DURING
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14 **Subtitle**

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21 WHEREAS, horses hold a revered place in American society and serve
22 humans in sport, recreation, and as partners in work and law enforcement;
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24 WHEREAS, horse slaughter is inherently cruel and is not an acceptable
25 form of disposing of horses;
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27 WHEREAS, statistics demonstrate that horse slaughter does not alleviate
28 neglect or cruelty;
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30 WHEREAS, horse slaughter has been decreasing for decades without
31 causing abandonment of horses;
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33 WHEREAS, record gas prices, a severe drought, high prices for hay and
34 feed, and a weak economy are affecting the ability of owners to provide care
35 for their animals and are resulting in the neglect of all species of farm
36 animals, including horses;



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2 WHEREAS, statistics from the United States Department of Agriculture
3 show that more than ninety-two percent of all horses that go to slaughter are
4 in good health;

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6 WHEREAS, horse owners have many options if they can no longer keep
7 their horses, such as resale to new owners, placement at equine rescues
8 or sanctuaries, or humane euthanasia,

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10 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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14 That the Arkansas General Assembly urges Arkansans to act responsibly
15 to ensure the humane care and treatment of their companion animals during
16 this time of economic crisis.