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## 8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES  
10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE CONGRESS OF THE  
11 UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT A VOLUNTARY, MARKET-DRIVEN  
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### 15 **Subtitle**

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20 THE NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION  
21 SYSTEM.  
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24 WHEREAS, the National Animal Identification System is a program  
25 designed to assist the identification of a premise or an animal; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the National Animal Identification System will enable the  
28 United States Department of Agriculture to promote animal products in  
29 restricted foreign markets that require the age and the source of an animal  
30 product; and  
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32 WHEREAS, access to restricted foreign markets will offer more  
33 opportunities to add value to the animal products of farmers and ranchers;  
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36 WHEREAS, the information that accompanies an animal identified through



1 the National Animal Identification System has a value for which farmers and  
2 ranchers should be compensated in a free market society; and  
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4 WHEREAS, participation in the National Animal Identification System has  
5 the potential to add significant effort and cost to the raising and the  
6 marketing of farm and ranch animals,  
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8 THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:  
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12 That the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas urges  
13 the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Congress  
14 of the United States to allow the free market system to dictate the  
15 implementation of a National Animal Identification System.  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly of the State  
18 of Arkansas urges the Congress of the United States to prohibit mandatory  
19 participation in the National Animal Identification System.  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk  
22 of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to  
23 the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and to each  
24 member of Arkansas's congressional delegation.  
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