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5 By: Representatives Vaught, Boyd  
6 By: Senator D. Wallace

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO ENCOURAGE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF VALUE  
10 CHAIN BIO-SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES WITHIN THE STATE OF  
11 ARKANSAS.

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15 TO ENCOURAGE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
16 OF VALUE CHAIN BIO-SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES  
17 WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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20 WHEREAS, agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry contributing  
21 nineteen billion four hundred million (19,400,000,000) in value added dollars  
22 to the state economy in 2019; and

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24 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranked eleventh in the nation in cash receipts for  
25 animal and animal products, valued at five billion one hundred million  
26 dollars (\$5,100,000,000); and

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28 WHEREAS, in Arkansas, one (1) in every seven (7) value added dollars  
29 totaling more than three hundred seventy-eight million dollars (\$378,000,000)  
30 is contributed by agriculture; and

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32 WHEREAS, Arkansas is the third-highest ranked state for food processing  
33 according to a report by Business Facilities shared by the Arkansas Economic  
34 Development Commission; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Fort Smith-Fayetteville region is the number two (2) area



1 for food processing in the United States; and

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3 WHEREAS, Arkansas is the home of the world's largest food retailer and  
4 the largest meat processor in the United States, supplying sustenance to  
5 billions of people worldwide; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 2020, forty-two percent (42%) of all Arkansas land was  
8 comprised of farms; and

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10 WHEREAS, agriculture provides two hundred fifty-four thousand five  
11 hundred (254,500) jobs in Arkansas; and

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13 WHEREAS, ninety-seven percent (97%) of Arkansas' forty-nine thousand  
14 three hundred forty-six (49,346) farms are small to medium-sized family-owned  
15 farms and contribute significantly to the state's economy; and

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17 WHEREAS, the impact of respiratory and hemorrhagic pathogens tend to  
18 impact small and medium-sized farms more heavily; and

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20 WHEREAS, wet protein rendering supply chains tend to be optimum  
21 propagation channels for respiratory and hemorrhagic pathogens; and

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23 WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas is an agricultural industry leader  
24 in animal science education, innovation, research, and development; and

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26 WHEREAS, in 2019, African swine fever (ASF) resulted in the loss of  
27 millions of pigs in China, the world's largest producer and consumer of pork,  
28 with a total economic impact of seventy-eight hundredths percent (0.78%),  
29 equating to one hundred eleven billion dollars (\$111,000,000,000), of the  
30 country's gross domestic product in 2019 and longitudinal analyses estimating  
31 an impact upwards of two and seven-tenths percent (2.7%), equating to three  
32 hundred eighty-five billion dollars (\$385,000,000,000), gross domestic  
33 product based on the current trajectory; and

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35 WHEREAS, agricultural economists at Iowa State University estimate that  
36 the economic impact of a potential African swine fever (ASF) outbreak in the

1 United States could result in a loss of fifty billion dollars  
2 (\$50,000,000,000) over ten (10) years; and

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4 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has dedicated five  
5 hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) in Commodity Credit Corporation funds  
6 for prevention of and preparation for African swine fever (ASF); and

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8 WHEREAS, a federal order suspending the interstate movement of all live  
9 swine, swine germplasm, swine products, and swine byproducts from Puerto Rico  
10 and the United States Virgin Islands to the mainland United States has been  
11 implemented; and

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13 WHEREAS, action by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is  
14 necessary to prevent worldwide food value chain disruptions and to increase  
15 food security for all Americans in order to build a strong foundation for  
16 businesses, consumers, and agricultural producers within the State of  
17 Arkansas,

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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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23 THAT the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, support  
24 requests for federal grant funding for companies creating innovative  
25 technologies that benefit Arkansas' agricultural value chain through  
26 mitigating bio-security risks.

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
29 copy be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each  
30 member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, the United States Secretary  
31 of Agriculture, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the  
32 United States House of Representatives, and Governor Asa Hutchinson.