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4 **House Concurrent Resolution No. 5014**

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6 By Committee on Agriculture

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress
11 to allow interstate marketing of state inspected meat.

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13 WHEREAS, The Federal Wholesale Meat Act of 1967 allows states
14 to have state meat inspection programs which are required to meet or
15 exceed federal inspection standards of the United States Department of
16 Agriculture for wholesomeness, cleanliness and food safety; and

17 WHEREAS, Kansas with 26 other states has elected to operate equiv-
18 alent meat inspection programs which allow state-licensed and state-in-
19 spected meat processing facilities to engage in intrastate commerce. Nu-
20 merous other states are pursuing implementation of state inspection of
21 their meat processing facilities; and

22 WHEREAS, State meat inspection programs are flexible and can ef-
23 ficiently and safely adapt their activities to small, local meat processors
24 that cannot be duplicated by the federal inspection program because of
25 its size and complexity; and

26 WHEREAS, State-inspected meat and poultry products are currently
27 barred from interstate commerce under federal law, including neighbor-
28 ing local markets in other states, despite current meat safety and quality
29 assurances, affecting long-range rural development and economic growth
30 strategies within the meat processing industry; and

31 WHEREAS, Such limitation on marketing of state inspected meat in-
32 hibits economic development and value-added agricultural activities in
33 this nation's agricultural sector; and

34 WHEREAS, Current policy of the National Association of State De-
35 partments of Agriculture supports the interstate shipment of state-in-
36 spected meat products: Now, therefore,

37 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
38 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we urge the United States Congress
39 to enact revisions to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry
40 Products Inspection Act to allow the interstate shipment and marketing
41 of meat products by state inspected meat processing facilities; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
43 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States,

1 the ~~President~~ **Majority Leader** of the United States Senate, the Speaker
2 of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the
3 United States Department of Agriculture and each member of the Kansas
4 Congressional delegation.

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