Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4021

Introduced by

Senators Miller, Wanzek, Klein

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize the need for regulated horse processing

2 facilities in the United States.

3 WHEREAS, the loss of governmentally regulated processing facilities in the United 4 States has challenged the ability of public and private sector entities to deal with unwanted 5 horses; and 6 **WHEREAS**, without economically affordable alternatives, individuals are simply 7 abandoning unwanted horses at sale barns, along country roads, and on public lands; and 8 WHEREAS, the abandonment of horses is done without any regarding for the horses' 9 welfare and without regard for damage or injury that can be caused by a freeroaming horse on 10 a road or highway; and 11 WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 100,000 horses are unwanted by their 12 owners: 13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE 14 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: 15 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges Congress to recognize the need for 16 regulated horse processing facilities in the United States and to allow the transportation and 17 processing of horses and the marketing and exportation of safe and wholesome horse meat; 18 and 19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this 20 resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the 21 President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States 22 Congress, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, and to each member

23 of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.