

**CHAPTER 90****(SCR 93)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting Kentucky's Congressional delegation and USDA Secretary Ann Veneman to secure federal financial assistance for Kentucky's nationally prominent food safety and farm animal-tracking initiatives.

WHEREAS, the federal government and the states are responding to the increased terrorists threats to our country's food supply in part by establishing mechanisms to track food animals from birth to consumer; and

WHEREAS, the recently discovered first-ever case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow) disease in the state of Washington underscores the necessity of enhancing the country's food-tracking system; and

WHEREAS, farm organizations, food processors and marketers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state agriculture officials support a national animal identification system; and

WHEREAS, a national animal-tracking system in Kentucky will serve the dual purposes of helping to preserve a safe food supply and to promote new farm market opportunities for Kentucky farmers;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

Section 1. The members of Kentucky's Congressional delegation and USDA Secretary Ann Veneman are respectfully requested to secure federal financial assistance to aid Kentucky in the development or acquisition of a premises identification database, to aid Kentucky farmers in utilizing animal-tracking technologies that promote food safety, and to aid in the other start-up costs that can be expected from implementing the national animal identification program.

Section 2. The Director of the Legislative Research Commission shall transmit this Resolution to Kentucky's Congressional members and to USDA Secretary Ann Veneman.

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