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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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3 (COMPANION TO LSB 2449SS BY KIBBIE)

4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the
5 United States and the United States Department of
6 Agriculture to provide increased federal moneys for
7 purposes of supporting enhanced surveillance expenses
8 as part of a pseudorabies eradication program.

9 WHEREAS, Iowa is the nation's leading pork
10 producing state, accounting for approximately one
11 quarter of all pork production in the United States;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, pseudorabies, also known as Aujeszky's
14 disease, is a contagious, infectious, and communicable
15 disease of livestock, primarily affecting swine; and

16 WHEREAS, pseudorabies, a herpes virus, is known to
17 cause reproductive problems, including abortion and
18 stillborn death, and death in neonatal pigs, and
19 occasional death losses in breeding and finishing
20 hogs, that cost producers millions of dollars
21 annually; and

22 WHEREAS, a federal eradication program for
23 pseudorabies implemented in the United States in 1989
24 represents a cooperative effort involving federal,
25 state, and industry participation; and

26 WHEREAS, the federal government has accelerated its
27 pseudorabies eradication program, including by
28 reimbursing producers for enhanced surveillance
29 expenses, including testing; and

30 WHEREAS, effective January 7, 1999, the United

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1 States Department of Agriculture declared an
2 emergency, and has committed substantial financial
3 resources to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
4 Service (APHIS) to accelerate the eradication of
5 pseudorabies in swine; and

6 WHEREAS, the federal government's accelerated
7 program was in response to the threat of the spread of
8 the disease that has dramatically increased in Iowa;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in 2000, the Iowa General Assembly enacted
11 Senate File 2312 (2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1110) that
12 aggressively regulates the maintenance and movement of
13 swine, including swine herds located in counties
14 designated in stage II of the national pseudorabies
15 eradication program; and

16 WHEREAS, under Iowa's pseudorabies eradication
17 program, swine in counties designated in stage II of
18 the national pseudorabies eradication program are
19 subject to additional testing requirements; and

20 WHEREAS, the United States Department of
21 Agriculture and the state of Iowa contribute to costs
22 associated with enhanced surveillance expenses,
23 including federal moneys contributed to reimburse
24 producers for testing; and

25 WHEREAS, in order to effectively carry out an
26 accelerated pseudorabies eradication program, while
27 providing for the financial viability of producers in
28 this state, it is essential that producers be
29 reimbursed for conducting a second test for
30 pseudorabies as required by Iowa law in counties

1 designated in stage II of the national pseudorabies
2 eradication program; NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING, That the United States Department
5 of Agriculture increase its allocation of federal
6 moneys contributed to costs associated with enhanced
7 surveillance expenses in order to reimburse producers
8 for additional testing in counties designated in stage
9 II of the national pseudorabies eradication program.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
11 House send copies of this Resolution to the United
12 States Secretary of Agriculture, the Administrator of
13 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and
14 the Chief of the National Animal Health Programs Staff
15 of Veterinarian Services.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
17 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House to
18 the President of the Senate of the United States, the
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
20 States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the
21 United States Senate, and the Majority and Minority
22 Leaders of the United States House of Representatives.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
24 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House to
25 Iowa's congressional delegation.

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