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supporting Arizona's beef producers

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING ARIZONA'S BEEF-PRODUCING FARMERS, RANCHERS AND FAMILIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, Arizona's beef-producing farmers, ranchers and families are
2 on the front line of providing food security for the citizens of this
3 state by producing enough beef locally to feed all of Arizona's citizens;
4 and

5 Whereas, in the American diet, beef is the number one source for
6 protein, vitamin B12 and zinc and is third in a food source for iron.
7 Additionally, more than 100 medicines used by humans come from beef
8 cattle; and

9 Whereas, beef is produced in all 15 counties in Arizona; and

10 Whereas, Arizona's beef producers produce 25% more beef with 10%
11 less resources than they did just 30 years ago, providing grazing
12 management to help maintain healthy forests and ecosystems; and

13 Whereas, studies of the life cycle of beef demonstrates a 22%
14 reduction in water, air and greenhouse gas emissions while reducing water
15 and energy use by 5% on 4% less land; and

16 Whereas, beef producers and beef production have come under attack
17 through overburdensome regulation, propoganda and misinformation that
18 serve to jeopardize the food security of the United States and the overall
19 health of the economy; and

20 Whereas, the beef animal is uniquely positioned in the food
21 production system where it is one of the few natural processes in which
22 cows upscale low quality forage and low protein fiber in the form of grass
23 and hay into a nutrient-dense and high-protein food product; and

24 Whereas, Arizona's multigenerational ranching families are a rich
25 historical piece of this state's western culture and have been part of
26 Arizona's fabric since statehood.

27 Therefore

28 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
29 the Senate concurring:

30 That the Members of the Legislature recognize, encourage and
31 continue to support Arizona's beef-producing farmers, ranchers and
32 families.