

REFERENCE TITLE: supporting Arizona's beef producers

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Introduced by  
Representative Smith: Senator Shamp

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.