

1 WHEREAS, local control over meat processing would enable Louisiana to tailor
2 standards to the unique needs of our producers and consumers, fostering innovation,
3 ensuring food safety, and preserving the integrity of our agricultural heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, the growth of Louisiana's own meat production industry would bolster
5 economic development by creating jobs, reducing reliance on out-of-state supply chains, and
6 strengthening food security for the citizens of Louisiana, as demonstrated during disruptions
7 like the COVID-19 pandemic when centralized processing shortages left local demand
8 unmet; and

9 WHEREAS, small farmers and ranchers in Louisiana, who form the backbone of
10 Louisiana's agricultural economy, face unnecessary barriers to market entry due to federal
11 overreach, and the PRIME Act would empower these producers to thrive by keeping
12 economic benefits within Louisiana communities; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana affirms that states possess the inherent
14 authority and capability to regulate intrastate commerce effectively, and the PRIME Act
15 aligns with principles of federalism by restoring decision-making power to state
16 governments and local stakeholders; and

17 WHEREAS, passing the PRIME Act would not preempt Louisiana's ability to
18 enforce stringent safety and quality standards, ensuring that Louisiana citizens continue to
19 enjoy safe, high-quality meat products while supporting homegrown industry expansion; and

20 WHEREAS, the bipartisan support for the PRIME Act in previous congressional
21 sessions, championed by leaders such as Representative Thomas Massie and Senator Rand
22 Paul, reflects a broad recognition of its potential to revitalize local economies across the
23 nation, including Louisiana.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to review and
26 pass the PRIME Act during the 119th Congress.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 emphasize the necessity of local control and the growth of Louisiana's meat production
29 industry as central to the PRIME Act's merits, urging the United States Congress to act

1 swiftly to empower Louisiana's producers, enhance economic opportunity, and secure a
2 resilient food system for Louisiana residents.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States
5 Congress, to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and to the Honorable
6 United States Representative Thomas Massie, sponsor of the PRIME Act during the 119th
7 Congress, to ensure that our state's voice is heard in this critical matter.

DIGEST

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Memorializes the U.S. Congress to review and pass the PRIME Act during the 119th Congress, emphasizing local control and the growth of the meat production industry in La., and to enhance economic resilience, support farmers, and meet the needs of La. citizens.