



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture  
3 (USDA) initiated the implementation of a National Animal  
4 Identification System (NAIS) in 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, The NAIS is a cooperative State-federal-industry  
6 program administered by USDA's Animal and Plant Health  
7 Inspection Service (APHIS); and

8 WHEREAS, The ultimate long-term goal of the NAIS is to  
9 provide State and federal officials with the capability to  
10 identify all animals and premises that have had direct contact  
11 with a disease of concern within 48 hours after discovery; and

12 WHEREAS, The NAIS will be established through a phased-in  
13 approach; and

14 WHEREAS, There are 3 main components of the NAIS that  
15 include premises identification, animal identification, and  
16 animal tracking; and

17 WHEREAS, All states became operational on premises  
18 registration by mid-2005, with 160,000 premises registered as  
19 of December 1, 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, The NAIS program is currently voluntary; and

21 WHEREAS, The system is still under development and there  
22 are many issues still being considered; and

23 WHEREAS, Industry working groups have been established for  
24 different types of livestock to determine what type of  
25 identification system would work best for each given type of  
26 livestock; and

1           WHEREAS, The current goal is to have a mandatory system in  
2 place in 2009; and

3           WHEREAS, Many livestock producers are concerned about the  
4 impact this system may have on them and what they may have to  
5 do to comply with the system; and

6           WHEREAS, Livestock producers are also concerned about the  
7 confidentiality of their information and ownership of database  
8 information; and

9           WHEREAS, Some farmers are concerned about the financial  
10 cost that may be associated with the NAIS; and

11           WHEREAS, Concerns exist that the NAIS may have more of an  
12 effect on small farmers than large livestock producers;  
13 therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we urge the United States Department of Agriculture to consider  
17 small producer and farm animal owner concerns in the  
18 development of the National Animal Identification System; and  
19 be it further

20           RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Department of  
21 Agriculture to provide additional information to farm animal  
22 owners on the current status of the National Animal  
23 Identification System and what is being considered for the  
24 system; and be it further

25           RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Department of  
26 Agriculture to consider the diverse differences between  
27 different livestock industries and allow for flexibility for  
28 different types of livestock in the development of the National  
29 Animal Identification System; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the United States Secretary of Agriculture.