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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 urging Congress to direct the United States Department  
4 of Agriculture and the United States Food and Drug  
5 Administration to ban the use of pink slime in meat  
6 products or require labels on meat products containing  
7 pink slime.

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9 WHEREAS, the meat industry is adding low-grade beef  
10 trimmings, known in the industry as "lean finely textured beef"  
11 and now widely known as "pink slime," to most ground beef as an  
12 inexpensive filler, and

13 WHEREAS, the low-grade beef trimmings come from the parts  
14 of the cow most likely to harbor pathogens, often close to the  
15 hide, which is frequently exposed to fecal matter, and

16 WHEREAS, "pink slime" was once only used in pet food and  
17 cooking oil, and

18 WHEREAS, "pink slime" is made by gathering waste trimmings,  
19 such as fatty beef byproducts and connective tissue, simmering  
20 them at low heat so the fat separates easily from the muscles,  
21 and spinning the trimmings using a centrifuge to complete the  
22 separation, and

23 WHEREAS, the beef trimmings mixture is then sent through  
24 pipes where it is sprayed with ammonia gas to kill bacteria, and

25 WHEREAS, the process is completed by packaging the filler  
26 into bricks, freezing the filler, and shipping it to grocery  
27 stores and meat packers, where it is added to most ground beef,  
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29 WHEREAS, several United States food manufacturers,  
 30 including ConAgra Foods Inc., Sara Lee Corporation, and Kraft  
 31 Foods Inc., publicly stated in 2012 that they do not use "pink  
 32 slime" in their meat products, and

33 WHEREAS, Costco Wholesale Corporation, Publix, Whole Foods  
 34 Market, and H-E-B also announced in 2012 that they do not sell  
 35 meat products containing the low-grade, ammonia-treated filler,  
 36 and

37 WHEREAS, Safeway, SUPERVALU, Kroger, and Food Lion  
 38 announced that they will no longer carry meat products  
 39 containing "pink slime" due to customer concerns, and

40 WHEREAS, McDonalds, Taco Bell, and Burger King announced  
 41 that their meat products will no longer contain "pink slime,"  
 42 and

43 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture  
 44 announced in March 2012 that beginning in the fall of 2012, the  
 45 United States National School Lunch Program will allow  
 46 participating school districts to decide whether to purchase  
 47 ground beef containing "pink slime," and

48 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture  
 49 announced in April 2012 that it agreed to allow voluntary  
 50 labeling of meat products containing "pink slime," and

51 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has  
 52 never required and currently does not require the labeling of  
 53 meat products containing "pink slime," NOW, THEREFORE,

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 55 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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57 |           That Congress is urged to direct the United States  
58 | Department of Agriculture and the United States Food and Drug  
59 | Administration to ban the use of "pink slime" in meat products  
60 | or require that meat products containing "pink slime" include  
61 | labels that clearly indicate that the product contains the  
62 | ammonia-treated filler.

63 |           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
64 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
65 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
66 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
67 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.