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Expressing support for designation of March 20, 2010, as National American Meat and Poultry Appreciation Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CAMP submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognizes that a wholesome serving of lean meat provides a rich source of iron, magnesium, zinc, niacin, selenium, riboflavin, and B-vitamins, as well as all 9 essential amino acids that contribute to healthy growth and metabolism and good overall health;

Whereas every year, the United States meat and poultry industry introduces hundreds of new, lean, low-fat, fat-free, and reduced sodium meat products, making it the healthiest and most diverse meat products market in the world;

Whereas people in the United States spend approximately 1.5 percent of disposable income on meat and poultry products, down from 4.1 percent in 1970, making meat and poultry an increasingly affordable food option;

Whereas with nearly 8,000 Federal inspectors that oversee 6,200 meat plants nationwide, people in the United States can be confident that the meat and poultry they consume is safe and wholesome;

Whereas in 2009, the meat and poultry industry was responsible for generating 6,192,639 United States jobs;

Whereas \$832,404,399,973 was contributed to the United States economy in 2009 by the United States meat and poultry industry, an amount totaling nearly 6 percent of the national gross domestic product; and

Whereas March 20, 2010, would be an appropriate date to establish as National American Meat and Poultry Appreciation Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of National Amer-
3 ican Meat and Poultry Appreciation Day;

4 (2) honors and recognizes the contributions
5 made by the farmers, ranchers, processors, packers,
6 and other meat and poultry industry employees; and

7 (3) encourages the people of the United States
8 to observe and partake in National American Meat
9 and Poultry Appreciation Day to promote awareness
10 of the contributions of the industry, the nutritious

- 1 value of its products, and the strict food safety
- 2 standards to which it adheres.