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H.R. No. 1508

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A sustainable agricultural system is crucial to the  
2 continued production of food, feed, and fiber to meet both domestic  
3 and global demand; and

4           WHEREAS, In the United States, the agriculture and food  
5 production industries employ precision farming equipment, crop  
6 protection chemistries, genetic engineering or enhancement,  
7 agricultural nutrients, and other modern technologies; such  
8 advanced practices protect the safety of the public and reduce  
9 environmental impact while expanding yields, improving  
10 profitability, and ensuring an abundant and affordable food supply;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Agricultural pests present significant dangers to  
13 the industry and to global supplies of the products they attack;  
14 accordingly, the environmental risks of forgoing advances in  
15 agricultural technologies that protect crops are severe; excessive  
16 regulation may scuttle or discourage the use of agricultural  
17 chemicals that could improve human welfare; and

18           WHEREAS, Crop protection is among the most studied and highly  
19 regulated of all industries, at both the state and federal levels;  
20 the use of sound science should be the bedrock of our nation's  
21 regulatory scheme for the agriculture and food production  
22 industries, as these industries are critical to the economic  
23 vitality of Texas and the United States; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

1 Legislature hereby express support for the use of sound science to  
2 study and regulate such modern agricultural technologies as crop  
3 protection chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits,  
4 and nutrients; and, be it further

5         RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives express  
6 opposition to legislative or regulatory action at any level that  
7 may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of modern  
8 agricultural technologies; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward official copies of  
10 this resolution to the president of the United States, to the  
11 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
13 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
14 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
15 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.