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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Among the most urgent and costly issues facing Texas
2 is drought, which recently has caused a number of crop failures on
3 irrigated land; those occurrences have highlighted the necessity
4 for policies that promote responsible water usage and water
5 conservation; and

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, managed by
7 the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of
8 Agriculture, supports the economic stability of agriculture
9 through its crop insurance program, which assists American farmers
10 and agricultural entities in managing risk and the threat of
11 natural disasters; in the event of a crop failure, however, current
12 FCIC policy requires farmers to demonstrate good faith practices,
13 which include watering the failed crop, in order to qualify for
14 insurance benefits; and

15 WHEREAS, The USDA could further help sustain the agricultural
16 industry and our precious water resources by developing provisions
17 that encourage water conservation when crop failures occur; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to encourage
21 the U.S. Department of Agriculture to revise existing policies that
22 promote the waste of water after an irrigated crop has been declared
23 a failure; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official

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1 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
2 the secretary of agriculture, to the president of the Senate and the
3 speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
4 United States, to the chair of the House Committee on Agriculture
5 and the chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
6 and Forestry, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress
7 with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the
8 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
9 States of America.