

1-1 By: Springer (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.C.R. No. 31
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2017;
1-3 May 1, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 10, 2017, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 10, 2017, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Rodríguez	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hinojosa	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Miles	X		

1-16 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-17 WHEREAS, Among the most urgent and costly issues facing Texas
1-18 is drought, which recently has caused a number of crop failures on
1-19 irrigated land; those occurrences have highlighted the necessity
1-20 for policies that promote responsible water usage and water
1-21 conservation; and

1-22 WHEREAS, The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, managed by
1-23 the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of
1-24 Agriculture, supports the economic stability of agriculture
1-25 through its crop insurance program, which assists American farmers
1-26 and agricultural entities in managing risk and the threat of
1-27 natural disasters; in the event of a crop failure, however, current
1-28 FCIC policy requires farmers to demonstrate good faith practices,
1-29 which include watering the failed crop, in order to qualify for
1-30 insurance benefits; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The USDA could further help sustain the agricultural
1-32 industry and our precious water resources by developing provisions
1-33 that encourage water conservation when crop failures occur; now,
1-34 therefore, be it

1-35 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-36 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to encourage
1-37 the U.S. Department of Agriculture to revise existing policies that
1-38 promote the waste of water after an irrigated crop has been declared
1-39 a failure; and, be it further

1-40 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-41 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
1-42 the secretary of agriculture, to the president of the Senate and the
1-43 speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
1-44 United States, to the chair of the House Committee on Agriculture
1-45 and the chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
1-46 and Forestry, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress
1-47 with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the
1-48 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
1-49 States of America.

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