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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO REQUEST THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO
GIVE RENEWED PRIORITY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF
AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES AND PARTICULARLY
IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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Subtitle

TO REQUEST THE PRESIDENT TO REASSESS THE
IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO THE NATION
AND TO ARKANSAS.

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WHEREAS, the American agriculture industry feeds the nation; and

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WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers throughout the United States are
struggling to keep their businesses alive and their homes intact; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed 2006 United States budget would make serious,
potentially debilitating cuts in federal funds available to assist farmers
and ranchers; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed five percent (5%) across-the-board cuts in
federal assistance to the agricultural industry coupled with a reduction of
the overall cap on federal assistance from three hundred sixty thousand
dollars (\$360,000) per year to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)

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1 per year would threaten the already precarious financial structure of farms
2 and ranches across the country and particularly in Arkansas; and
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4 WHEREAS, the three-entity rule is essential for farmers and ranchers to
5 maintain their businesses under the pressures of an increasingly complex
6 financial environment; and
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8 WHEREAS, the proposed budget cuts in agriculture would
9 disproportionately affect the Southern states and Arkansas in particular; and
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11 WHEREAS, the proposed budget cuts in agriculture would reduce moneys
12 available to state economies by hundreds of millions of dollars; and
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14 WHEREAS, the proposed budget cuts in agriculture could cause even more
15 farmers and ranchers to leave agriculture, thus depriving their families of
16 their traditional way of living; and
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18 WHEREAS, the agricultural industry is the largest segment of the
19 Arkansas economy; and
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21 WHEREAS, the agricultural industry plays an essential sustaining role
22 for local economies throughout Arkansas,
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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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28 THAT the President of the United States reexamine his proposed 2006
29 budget to finds ways to protect the American agricultural industry and the
30 industry of the State of Arkansas.
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States withdraw
33 his proposed overall reduction in assistance to farmers and ranchers,
34 withdraw his reduction in the annual cap on assistance to farmers and
35 ranchers, and retain the three-entity rule.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution, the
2 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy to the
3 President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States
4 Department of Agriculture.

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution the
7 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy to each
8 member of Arkansas' congressional delegation.

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10 Respectfully submitted,

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13 Representative Travis Boyd
14 District 79

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