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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to direct the United States Department of Agriculture and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to take such actions as are necessary to establish a viable crop insurance program for Louisiana sweet potato farmers.

WHEREAS, agriculture is the production of food and goods through farming, and the agriculture industry continues to contribute significantly to the economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, farming is vitally important to the sustenance of all people and is one of the most important occupations in the world; and

WHEREAS, families have lived on many of the state's farms for generations following a preferred way of life even though it means hard work, long hours, high risks, and sometimes low incomes; and

WHEREAS, many communities depend on agriculture and forestry for local jobs and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is among the top sweet potato-producing states in the United States with a gross farm value of more than \$48 million; and

WHEREAS, each production season has associated risks and adverse weather conditions and the nature of the current recession has dampened consumer confidence and decreased demand in the food sector; and

WHEREAS, crop insurance would protect farmers against either the loss of their crops due to natural disasters or loss of revenue due to the decline in prices of agricultural commodities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to direct the United States Department of

Agriculture and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to take such actions as are necessary to allow farmers the opportunity to purchase adequate sweet potato crop insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE