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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

FARMING: Requests that the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture complete the approval process for certain new weed control system products

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United
3 States Department of Agriculture to complete the approval process for certain new
4 weed control system products.

5 WHEREAS, American farmers play a pivotal role in providing food and fiber for the
6 world's population; and

7 WHEREAS, the world's population is estimated to exceed nine billion by the year
8 2050; and

9 WHEREAS, the United Nations predicts that the global demand for food, feed, and
10 fiber will nearly double in the next forty years as population grows; and

11 WHEREAS, farmers are finding it harder to stay competitive in the marketplace
12 given economic and environmental challenges, including weed resistance; and

13 WHEREAS, farmers must utilize innovative technologies to help them stay
14 competitive while meeting food demands in a sustainable manner; and

15 WHEREAS, new weed control systems promises to provide exceptional weed control
16 while increasing the overall productivity and efficiency of farming operations; and

17 WHEREAS, delays in access to new products can lead to soil loss, water waste, and
18 increased fuel costs on farms; and

19 WHEREAS, while the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the
20 United States Department of Agriculture started the review process five years ago, these

1 innovative products have not received regulatory approval and remain unavailable to
2 American farmers; and

3 WHEREAS, Canadian authorities have already approved the new weed control
4 system perhaps putting American and Louisiana farmers at a competitive disadvantage; and

5 WHEREAS, new systems provide long-term sustainability through innovative
6 education and training programs, research and development efforts, technology
7 improvements, and in-field performance testing; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana farmers need access to the newest innovative products in
9 order to compete in the global marketplace.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Environmental Protection Agency
12 and the United States Department of Agriculture to complete the approval process for certain
13 new weed control system products.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture.

DIGEST

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