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## **ORIGINAL**

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR CROWE

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to support agriculture by minimizing price volatility risks experienced by dairy farmers.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the Congress of the United States to minimize price volatility risks now
3	being experienced by dairy farmers across the United States.
4	WHEREAS, the current absence of profitable prices in the dairy industry for farmers,
5	coupled with an outdated regulatory apparatus, is causing an economic crisis in the dairy
6	industry; and
7	WHEREAS, dairy farm prices are at their lowest level in more than thirty years,
8	while producers' operating costs have steadily risen, exacerbated by the rise in energy prices
9	and feed costs; and
10	WHEREAS, milk and dairy products are considered to be essential food and
11	beverage items and basic nutritional building blocks; and
12	WHEREAS, there is a need for an immediate examination of existing federal
13	programs and policies impacting the dairy industry in order to develop approaches that better
14	help to stabilize farm incomes, and hence benefit farmers as well as local communities and
15	local infrastructure; and
16	WHEREAS, there is a renewed recognition by dairy farm and dairy industry leaders
17	from all sections of the United States that the current pricing crisis is not of benefit to
18	farmers or their customers, including cooperatives, processors, retailers, and consumers; and

1	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes the importance of an economically
2	viable dairy industry, and its benefit to local economies as well as the national economy.
3	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
4	the Congress of the United States to work with the leadership of the United States dairy
5	industry, including the leadership of its two major trade organizations, the National Milk
6	Producers Federation and the International Dairy Foods Association, to take steps to bring
7	all industry leaders together immediately to identify measures, including change to federal
8	polices and programs, to minimize price volatility risks now being experienced by dairy
9	farmers across the United States.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congressional leadership be urged to work
11	cooperatively with the United States Secretary of Agriculture and his staff on these issues
12	insomuch as federal policies and procedures have an impact on domestic and international
13	dairy prices.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
15	to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
16	Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States
17	Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Johnson.

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