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# H. RES. 920

Disapproving of recommendations by the United Nations to reduce meat consumption in the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Mr. FLOOD (for himself and Mrs. HINSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Disapproving of recommendations by the United Nations to reduce meat consumption in the United States.

Whereas meat is a nutrient-rich source of protein that is enjoyed by many people in the United States and efficiently delivers calories and vitamins, greatly contributing to the world's food security;

Whereas the United States is the world's largest producer of beef;

Whereas, according to the Foreign Agriculture Service, in 2022, the United States exported 1,000,000 metric tons of beef valued \$11.71 billion;

Whereas the United States is the world's third-largest producer and consumer of pork and pork products;

Whereas, according to the Foreign Agriculture Service, in 2022, pork was the most widely consumed meat across the globe at 112,538 metric tons, representing 42 percent of all meat consumed;

Whereas the United States is the world's largest producer of poultry meat;

Whereas animal proteins are complete proteins and contain more protein per calorie than plant proteins;

Whereas agriculture, food, and related industries contributed 5.4 percent or roughly \$1.264 trillion to United States gross domestic product in 2021;

Whereas, in 2022, 22.1 million full- and part-time jobs were related to the agricultural and food sectors, which is 10.4 percent of total employment in the United States;

Whereas, in 2021, meat and poultry plants employed the largest percentage of food and beverage manufacturing workers;

Whereas the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization is expected to publish its global food systems' road map to 1.5 degree Celsius recommending the reduction of meat consumption; and

Whereas reductions in meat consumption will have negative impacts on nutrition, the United States economy, and global food security: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2            (1) recognizes the importance of meat and live-
- 3            stock production to the United States economy;

1           (2) recognizes the importance of meat and ani-  
2           mal-based protein;

3           (3) disapproves of United Nations recommenda-  
4           tion to reduce meat consumption in their global food  
5           systems' road map; and

6           (4) opposes the use of any Federal resources to  
7           support attempts to reduce meat consumption.

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