

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5017

By Committee on Agriculture

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the President and Congress to remove all embargoes and trade sanctions involving agricultural products.

WHEREAS, The export of agricultural commodities has provided the United States the only positive return on its balance of trade in recent years; and

WHEREAS, The only way to insure that a positive return on the balance of trade continues is to allow international markets to remain open; and

WHEREAS, The use of unilateral economic sanctions rarely achieves its goal, but causes substantial harm to the producers of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Economic sanctions hinder the export of agricultural products, exacerbating the transportation problems of such products and possibly lowering the price received by the Kansas farmer for such agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is a major producer of agricultural products and is economically harmed by the inclusion of numerous countries on the Unilateral Sanctions List: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That we urge the President of the United States and Congress to lift all embargoes of agricultural products to international countries now on the Unilateral Sanctions List, increase diplomatic efforts to sell American agricultural products to those countries and facilitate travel and provide subsidies for expenses of U.S. Agricultural Trade Mission groups to those countries; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we urge the President and Congress to empower our representative to the World Trade Organization to aggressively press for the elimination of present import duties against American agricultural commodities; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we urge the President and Congress to make all future United States unilateral sanctions against other countries subject to approval by the United States House of Representatives; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send

1 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States,  
2 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
3 States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States De-  
4 partment of Agriculture, the Secretary of the United States Department  
5 of State and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.  
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