

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1803

By Senator Steineger

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9 A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to
10 end its subsidization of tobacco production.

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12 WHEREAS, For many years Congress has funded various programs
13 to provide assistance to farmers. Tobacco producers have shared in these
14 subsidies with 382,596 operators receiving a total of \$528 million in pay-
15 ments during the period from 1995 through 2004, with the bulk of such
16 payments going to large operators; and

17 WHEREAS, The folly of providing continued support for tobacco pro-
18 duction is obvious: It is now well established that there is a direct and
19 inextricable connection between tobacco usage and cardiovascular disease
20 and lung cancer. The loss of life and decreased bodily functions from
21 using tobacco products affects millions of people, and both local and
22 national governmental entities expend large quantities of their available
23 moneys for the care and treatment of smokers now suffering from the
24 use of tobacco products; and

25 WHEREAS, Tobacco related health expenditures and the loss of
26 worker productivity due to tobacco related sickness have a negative im-
27 pact on the American economy: Now, therefore,

28 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the body
29 memorializes the Congress of the United States to end its subsidization
30 of tobacco production; and

31 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an
32 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States
33 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and
34 to each member of the Kansas legislative delegation.