

Senate Resolution No. 1709

By Senator Sykes

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1 A RESOLUTION commending Senator Jerry Moran for his unwavering
2 support of Kansas farmers.

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4 WHEREAS, Over the last 14 years in the United States Senate,
5 Senator Moran has consistently placed agriculture and rural Kansas at the
6 top of his priority list; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Jerry Moran was recently appointed to serve on
8 the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
9 Forestry; and

10 WHEREAS, One Kansas farmer raises enough food to feed
11 approximately 155 individuals annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Kansas has 55,734 farms that generated over \$23.9
13 billion in agricultural products in 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, Kansas farmers produce nearly 64% of the country's
15 sorghum grain and are the top producer of winter wheat, which are our
16 country's top food aid exports; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Agency for International Development
18 (USAID) has partnered with Kansas farmers, universities and businesses
19 to provide vital agricultural assistance around the world; and

20 WHEREAS, The value of USAID agricultural research at Kansas
21 State University has shown a return of \$8.52 for every \$1 invested into
22 the university's research projects; and

23 WHEREAS, The relationship between Kansas and USAID has made
24 Kansas a global leader in addressing food insecurity worldwide; and

25 WHEREAS, Kansas farmers are facing all-time low commodity
26 prices, extremely high input costs and widespread drought, which has led
27 to financial difficulties for farmers; and

28 WHEREAS, Senator Moran has spoken about the importance of the
29 United States and Kansas as providers of food aid, because food aid
30 bolsters our national security and provides an important market to Kansas
31 farmers: Now, therefore,

32 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commend
33 Senator Jerry Moran for his unwavering support for Kansas farmers
34 during these times of all-time low commodity prices, extremely high
35 input costs and widespread drought; and

36 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send

- 1 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Jerry Moran and Senator
- 2 Sykes.