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By Representative Schwartz

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1 A RESOLUTION urging the federal government to require the
2 use of sound science in evaluating crop protection
3 chemistries and nutrients.
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5 WHEREAS, Agriculture is crucial to the continued production of
6 food, feed, fiber and energy to meet both domestic and global demand;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In the United States, the agriculture and value-added
9 industries and businesses utilize precision farming equipment, crop
10 protection chemistries, genetic engineering or enhancement, agricultural
11 nutrients and other modern technologies. Such advanced practices protect
12 the safety of the public and reduce environmental and natural resource
13 impacts, while increasing yields, improving profitability and ensuring an
14 abundant, affordable and wholesome food supply; and

15 ~~WHEREAS, Agricultural pests and diseases present significant~~
16 ~~dangers to the industry and to global supplies of products they attack.~~
17 ~~While advances in agricultural technologies that protect crops and~~
18 ~~livestock pose severe environmental risks, excessive regulation may~~
19 ~~discourage or prevent the use of agricultural chemicals, which could~~
20 ~~otherwise improve human and animal welfare; and~~

21 WHEREAS, Agricultural production systems and crop protection are
22 among the most studied and highly regulated of all industries, at both the
23 state and federal levels. The use of sound science should be the bedrock
24 of our nation's regulatory scheme for the agriculture and food production
25 industries, as these industries are critical to the economic vitality of
26 Kansas and the United States; Now, therefore:

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
28 That we support the use of sound science to study and regulate modern
29 agricultural technologies such as crop protection chemistries and
30 genetically engineered or enhanced traits and nutrients; and

31 *Be it further resolved:* That we oppose legislative or regulatory action
32 at any level that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of
33 modern agricultural technologies; and

34 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
35 Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the

1 President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress;
3 and to all the members of the Kansas delegation to Congress, with the
4 request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
5 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.