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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 "URGING CONGRESS TO REMOVE OR RESTRICT THE USE OF
10 TRADE SANCTIONS AS THEY APPLY TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
11 AND TO WORK FOR THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF TRADE
12 BARRIERS AND SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY OTHER COUNTRIES
13 AGAINST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. "

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15 **Subtitle**

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17 THE USE OF TRADE SANCTIONS REGARDING
18 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND TO WORK FOR
19 REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF TRADE
20 BARRIERS AND SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY OTHER
21 COUNTRIES AGAINST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. "

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24 WHEREAS, the export of agricultural commodities has provided the United
25 States the only positive return on its balance of trade; and

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

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30 WHEREAS, the use of unilateral economic sanctions rarely achieve its
31 goal, but cause substantial harm to the producers of products; and

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33 WHEREAS, not only do the sanctions imposed by the United States cause
34 great harm to the Arkansas farmer, but so do the unfair trade barriers and
35 sanctions imposed on agricultural products by other countries; and

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1 WHEREAS, the storage of grain on the ground in Arkansas is just one
2 example of the adverse affects sanctions have on agricultural products; and

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4 WHEREAS, economic sanctions hinder the export of agricultural products,
5 exacerbating the transportation of such products and possibly lowering the
6 price received by the Arkansas farmer for such agricultural products:

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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12 That Congress remove or restrict the use of trade sanctions as they
13 apply to agricultural products and that Congress insures that the use of trade
14 sanctions will result in meaningful results; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Congress work for the reduction and
17 elimination of trade barriers and sanctions imposed by other countries against
18 agricultural products; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Secretary of State be directed to send
21 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,
22 the Vice President of the United States, Majority Leader and Minority Leader
23 of the United States Senate, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader
24 of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United
25 States Department of State, the Secretary of the United States Department of
26 Agriculture and to each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.