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3 By Senator Whatley  
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8 REQUIRING THE USE OF "SOUND SCIENCE" IN EVALUATING  
9 CROP PROTECTION CHEMISTRIES, GENETICALLY ENGINEERED TRAITS,  
10 AND AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENTS.  
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12 WHEREAS, a sustainable agricultural system in the  
13 United States is critical to the continued production of food,  
14 feed, and fiber to meet both domestic and global demands; and

15 WHEREAS, the treatment, prevention, and control of  
16 agricultural pests is critically important to the health and  
17 welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food,  
18 feed, and fiber supply; and

19 WHEREAS, the availability of modern agricultural  
20 technologies such as precision farming equipment, crop  
21 protection chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced  
22 traits, and agricultural nutrients are critically important  
23 tools that allow farmers to expand yields, reduce  
24 environmental impacts, improve profitability, and provide a  
25 safe, healthy, abundant, and affordable food supply; and

26 WHEREAS, the agricultural and food production  
27 industries have a long history of success and safety in

1 protecting and further enhancing the food, feed, and fiber  
2 supply of Alabama residents and the world; and

3 WHEREAS, the agriculture industry is recognized as  
4 an important contributor to the economic vitality of the State  
5 of Alabama through jobs, capital investment, farm income,  
6 value added sectors, and contributions to the state's tax  
7 base; and

8 WHEREAS, the crop protection industry is among the  
9 most studied and regulated of all industries at both the state  
10 and federal level; and

11 WHEREAS, the continued success of these industries  
12 and our nation's position as a world leader in crop protection  
13 chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and  
14 agricultural nutrients depends on state and federal regulators  
15 utilizing science-based data to assess both product and  
16 ingredient safety; and

17 WHEREAS, sound science rather than the  
18 "precautionary principle" should be the bedrock of our  
19 nation's regulatory scheme; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
21 ALABAMA, That the State of Alabama supports the use of  
22 science-based data to assess the impacts and the regulation of  
23 modern agricultural technologies, including, but not limited  
24 to, crop protection chemistries, genetically engineered or  
25 enhanced traits, and agricultural nutrients.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of Alabama  
27 opposes legislative or regulatory action, whether at the

1 federal, state, or local level, that may result in unnecessary  
2 restrictions on the use of modern agricultural technologies,  
3 including, but not limited to, crop protection chemistries,  
4 genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and nutrients that  
5 are not based on sound science.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
7 resolution shall be delivered to each member of Alabama's  
8 Congressional Delegation.