

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Whereas, a sustainable agricultural system in the United States is critical to the continued production of food, feed, and fiber to meet both domestic and global demands; and

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

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

Whereas, the agriculture and food production industries have a long history of success and safety in protecting and further enhancing the food, feed, and fiber supply of Missouri residents and the world; and

Whereas, the agriculture industry is recognized as an important contributor to the economic vitality of the state of Missouri through jobs, capital investment, farm income, value added sectors, and contributions to the state's tax base; and

Whereas, the crop protection industry is among the most studied and regulated of all industries at both the state and federal levels; and

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

Whereas, sound science rather than the "precautionary principle" should be the bedrock of our nation's regulatory scheme:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby strongly urges the Missouri Congressional delegation to support the use of science based data to assess the impacts and the regulation of modern agricultural technologies, including but not limited to crop protection chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and nutrients; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Missouri General Assembly strongly urges the Missouri Congressional delegation to oppose legislative or regulatory action that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of modern agricultural technologies, including but not limited to crop protection chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and nutrients that are not based on sound science; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.