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Supporting the recognition of 2016 as the “Year of Pulse Crops” and acknowledging the nutritional benefit and important contribution to soil health of pulse crops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOOLENAAR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Supporting the recognition of 2016 as the “Year of Pulse Crops” and acknowledging the nutritional benefit and important contribution to soil health of pulse crops.

Whereas the United States will celebrate 2016 as the “Year of Pulse Crops”;

Whereas the 68th United Nations General Assembly declared 2016 as the International Year of Pulses;

Whereas a pulse crop is a dry, edible seed of a plant in the legume family, including a dry bean, dry pea, lentil, or chickpea;

Whereas pulse crops are grown in abundance in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Min-

nesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;

Whereas pulse crops are an important component of a nutritious diet and are high in plant-based protein, vitamins, fiber, and minerals, including iron, potassium, magnesium, and zinc;

Whereas pulse crops help prevent serious and chronic illness, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and stroke;

Whereas legumes serve as an important rotation crop, keep soil fertile, and improve overall soil health by replenishing nitrogen;

Whereas pulse crops provide food security and nutrition to much of the developing world as low-cost sources of protein; and

Whereas pulse crops are important economic development crops for small farmers, for both domestic production and export potential: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives sup-
2 ports—

3 (1) the recognition of the “Year of Pulse
4 Crops”;

5 (2) the participation by representatives of the
6 Federal Government in events and activities orga-
7 nized pursuant to the observance by the United Na-
8 tions of the International Year of Pulses; and

- 1 (3) the future funding of programs to support
- 2 the cultivation and consumption of pulse crops.

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