

House Concurrent Resolution No. 33

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, Agramarke Quality Grains, Inc., a Missouri cooperative association, will
2 provide economic development for the St. Joseph area; and
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4 **Whereas**, the United States Department of Agriculture emphasizes the importance of
5 guiding agriculture toward value-added opportunities; and
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7 **Whereas**, agricultural producers will own 100% of the facility, provide over 110 jobs in
8 the area, and realize between three and five million dollars per year in profits and premiums; and
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10 **Whereas**, the facility purchase price is far below the price of new construction and will
11 provide a new purpose for the Quaker Oats facility which has been in existence since 1926; and
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13 **Whereas**, the United States Department of Agriculture provides many beneficial programs
14 which will be crucial to the success of the project; and
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16 **Whereas**, without the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture programs,
17 this young company may never develop; and
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19 **Whereas**, the United States Department of Agriculture maintains a community population
20 requirement of 50,000 for use of rural development economic incentive programs; and
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22 **Whereas**, the city of St. Joseph remains not far above the threshold with a population of
23 approximately 75,000:
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25 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
26 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
27 therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Agriculture to grant a waiver for Agramarke
28 Quality Grains, Inc., for development in St. Joseph, Missouri, to allow Agramarke to qualify for rural
29 development economic incentive programs; and
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31 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of
33 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Secretary Ann M.
34 Veneman of the United States Department of Agriculture and each member of the Missouri
35 congressional delegation.