

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BLACK (Sponsor), ENGLISH, MAYFIELD, HURST,
MCKENNA, ROORDA, SCHIEFFER, HUMMEL, HOUGH, JONES (50), KORMAN, REDMON,
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WHEREAS, agriculture is Missouri's largest industry; and

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WHEREAS, Missouri's agricultural sectors directly contribute more than \$12 billion to
the state, with the total economic impact of agricultural sectors exceeding \$31 billion, and
employ approximately 250,000 people; and

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WHEREAS, Missouri is one of the leading states in the number of farms, amount of
crop production, and number of livestock products in the nation, ranking second in the number
of farms and amount of beef livestock production; and

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WHEREAS, the 2008 Farm Bill expired on September 30, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, the one-year extension passed by the United States Congress expired on
September 30, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, a long-term Farm Bill is vital to provide price stability to offset fluctuations
in farmers' input costs, such as feed and fuel, which continue to rise; and

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WHEREAS, a long-term Farm Bill provides market stability and guarantees an adequate
food supply and reasonable food prices for consumers; and

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WHEREAS, farmers in Missouri and throughout the country rely on the content of the
Farm Bill to make decisions regarding crop and livestock production for the year; and

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WHEREAS, failure to pass a new five-year Farm Bill will create significant budget
uncertainty for the entire agricultural sector, including the rural businesses and lenders whose
livelihoods are dependent upon farmers' and livestock producers' economic viability;

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
29 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
30 concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Congress to pass a comprehensive,
31 five-year Farm Bill to ensure the stability and vitality of the American agricultural industry; and

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
34 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
35 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and United States House of
36 Representatives and for each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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