

House Concurrent Resolution No. 79

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KORMAN.

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1 **WHEREAS**, a sustainable agricultural system in the United States is critical to the
2 continued production of food, fuel, feed, and fiber to meet both domestic and global demands;
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5 **WHEREAS**, the agriculture and food production industries have a long history of
6 success and safety in protecting and further enhancing the food, fuel, feed, and fiber supply of
7 Missouri residents and the world; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the treatment, prevention, and control of agricultural pests is critically
10 important to the health and welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food, fuel, feed,
11 and fiber supply; and

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

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

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

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26 **WHEREAS**, the fuel industry is vitally important to Missouri, especially the production
27 of biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel; and

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

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34 **WHEREAS**, sound science, rather than the “precautionary principle”, should be the
35 bedrock of our nation’s regulatory scheme:

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37 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
38 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
39 concurring therein, hereby support the use of science-based data to assess the impacts and the
40 regulation of modern agricultural technologies including, but not limited to, crop protection
41 chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and nutrients; and

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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the House of Representatives of
44 the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein,
45 hereby oppose legislative or regulatory actions at the federal level that are not based on sound
46 science and that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of modern agricultural
47 technologies including, but not limited to, crop protection chemistries, genetically engineered
48 or enhanced traits, and nutrients; and

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
51 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
52 member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

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