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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A Concurrent Resolution supporting and encouraging the
4 diligent efforts by the United States Department of
5 Agriculture in cooperation with Iowa State University
6 and the Iowa Pork Producers Association to establish
7 a research farm site as part of the National Swine
8 Research Center.

9 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa is one of the major
10 agricultural production regions of the world; and

11 WHEREAS, for more than a century, Iowa has been the
12 national leader in swine production, contributing
13 approximately twenty-five percent of the nation's pork
14 production; and

15 WHEREAS, pork production represents the largest
16 single commodity industry in the state by accounting
17 for \$3.3 billion in net economic activity and 5.2
18 percent of gross state production; and

19 WHEREAS, Iowa's preeminent position as the supplier
20 of swine and pork products means that the state is an
21 ideal place to conduct research which benefits swine
22 producers and the pork industry; and

23 WHEREAS, a number of critical issues face swine
24 producers and the pork industry in this state and in
25 the nation, including the need to maximize economic
26 opportunities, animal production efficiency, animal
27 health, and protection of the environment; and

28 WHEREAS, the United States Department of
29 Agriculture and Iowa State University in cooperation
30 with the Iowa Pork Producers Association have taken

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1 major strides to confront these critical issues by a
2 commitment to significantly invest in scientific
3 research; and

4 WHEREAS, evidence of this commitment to excellence
5 in scientific research is the construction of the
6 National Swine Research Center which shall in the
7 future provide solutions to the issues confronting the
8 producers and industry; and

9 WHEREAS, the first component of the project
10 establishing the National Swine Research Center is the
11 construction of a major research laboratory which is
12 nearing completion on the Iowa State University
13 campus; and

14 WHEREAS, there remains a critical need to establish
15 the second component of the National Swine Research
16 Center which is a related research farm site; NOW
17 THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
20 recognizes the efforts of the United States Department
21 of Agriculture, Iowa State University, and the Iowa
22 Pork Producers in establishing the National Swine
23 Research Center in order to provide essential research
24 benefiting swine producers and the pork industry into
25 the twenty-first century; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States
27 Department of Agriculture in cooperation with Iowa
28 State University and the Iowa Pork Producers
29 Association is urged to continue to progress with all
30 appropriate diligence in establishing a farm site that

1 will enable relevant research to proceed without
2 delay; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
4 resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives to the Secretary of Agriculture,
6 United States Department of Agriculture; the
7 Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service of
8 the United States Department of Agriculture; the
9 President of Iowa State University; and the President
10 of the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12

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1 Amend House Concurrent Resolution 12 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 16, by striking the word "NOW"

3 and inserting the following: "and

4 WHEREAS, the planned site for the research farm

5 should not be located at the proposed location near a

6 water source outside the community of Madrid, until an

7 independent environmental impact study is conducted

8 and the department of natural resources is consulted

9 in order to ensure that the disposal of manure

10 originating from the site will not threaten Iowa's

11 environment; NOW".

12 2. Page 3, line 2, by striking the word "delay;"

13 and inserting the following: "threatening Iowa's

14 environment;".

15 3. Page 3, line 9, by inserting after the word

16 "University;" the following: "the Director of the

17 Department of Natural Resources;".

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

EDDIE of Buena Vista, Chairperson

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