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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121  
2 BY ARNOLD, TEIG, GIPP, KLEMME, DIX, BARRY,  
3 DRAKE, HOUSER, BRAUNS, GARMAN, WELTER,  
4 TYRRELL, VAN ENGELENHOVEN, EDDIE, RAYHONS,  
5 WEIDMAN, ALONS, HAHN, HOFFMAN, KETTERING,  
6 BAUDLER, HORBACH, BOGGESS, CARROLL, SUKUP,  
7 SUNDERBRUCH, GREINER, HUSEMAN, JOHNSON, HEATON, DREES,  
8 O'BRIEN, MAY, LARKIN, COHOON, MERTZ, BELL, FALLON,  
9 THOMAS, MUNDIE, REYNOLDS, AND KUHN  
10 A Concurrent Resolution to urge and petition the  
11 United States Department of Agriculture to make  
12 lands which are under the conservation reserve  
13 program eligible for grazing by livestock.  
14 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa, one of the major  
15 agricultural states in the United States, is a leading  
16 producer of livestock and livestock products which  
17 represents a multibillion dollar industry; and  
18 WHEREAS, the economic viability and welfare of this  
19 nation is contingent upon food and materials  
20 efficiently produced by farmers and ranchers receiving  
21 a fair market price for their goods; and  
22 WHEREAS, the conservation reserve program provided  
23 in 7 U.S.C., chapter 45, subchapter III, authorizes  
24 the United States Secretary of Agriculture to enter  
25 into contracts and make payments to eligible owners  
26 and operators of eligible cropland to assist them in  
27 conserving and improving the soil and water resources  
28 of their farms and ranches by converting cropland to  
29 land with permanent vegetation cover; and  
30 WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers in this state, like

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1 those in many states, have conscientiously entered  
2 into contracts with the United States Secretary of  
3 Agriculture to set aside highly erodible land in order  
4 to conserve soil and water resources; and

5 WHEREAS, Iowa, like other agricultural states, has  
6 not received adequate rainfall, threatening the  
7 economic viability of areas suffering hardship due to  
8 the lack of water required to sustain livestock; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States Department of  
10 Agriculture's policy prohibiting the grazing of  
11 livestock on land subject to contract under the  
12 conservation reserve program will force the depletion  
13 of livestock herds, resulting in depressed commodity  
14 markets, unnecessary economic hardship on producers,  
15 and the premature slaughter of livestock; NOW  
16 THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
18 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly  
19 hereby petitions the Congress of the United States,  
20 the President of the United States, and the United  
21 States Secretary of Agriculture to take all necessary  
22 actions to ensure that livestock immediately be  
23 allowed to graze on land subject to contract under the  
24 conservation reserve program; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
26 resolution be submitted to the President of the United  
27 States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture,  
28 and the members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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