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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
2 BY KING, MCKINLEY, BEHN, VEENSTRA, RITTMER, JENSEN,
3 DRAKE, ZIEMAN, REHBERG, ANGELO, JOHNSON, LAMBERTI,
4 FREEMAN, MCKEAN, MILLER, MCKIBBEN, SEXTON, GASKILL,
5 REDWINE, SCHUERER, IVERSON, KRAMER, McLAREN, BOETTGER,
6 MADDOX, and KIBBIE

7 A Concurrent Resolution to call upon the President and
8 the Congress of the United States to intervene on
9 behalf of the cattle industry in Iowa prior to the
10 United States Environmental Protection Agency's
11 implementation of the agency's interpretation of the
12 1972 Clean Water Act.

13 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection
14 Agency has aggressively interpreted the provisions of
15 the 1972 Clean Water Act; and

16 WHEREAS, input at the public hearings held by the
17 Environmental Protection Agency on the agency's
18 proposed interpretation and implementation of the 1972
19 Clean Water Act makes it clear that the Iowa cattle
20 industry is threatened by the agency's proposed
21 interpretation and implementation of the 1972 Clean
22 Water Act; and

23 WHEREAS, enforcement of total containment
24 provisions of the 1972 Clean Water Act for open
25 feedlots in Iowa is causing a tremendous amount of
26 fear and uncertainty among Iowa's 13,300 feedlot
27 owners as to whether their operations can afford to
28 comply either physically or financially with the law;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, this uncertainty is causing feedlot owners

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1 to halt the purchase of feedlot equipment and
2 improvements, creating an immediate impact on Iowa's
3 economy; and

4 WHEREAS, enforcement of total containment
5 provisions of the 1972 Clean Water Act for open
6 feedlots discriminates against the feedlot industry in
7 Iowa and other states with higher average rainfall,
8 placing a severe economic burden on feedlots trying to
9 come in compliance with the Act; and

10 WHEREAS, these provisions will demand the creation
11 of hundreds of new lagoons in Iowa along with the
12 expensive equipment required to dewater these lagoons;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the uncertainty of the future of many Iowa
15 feedlots due to these regulations will affect the
16 plans for promoting and advancing value-added
17 agriculture related to the beef industry; and

18 WHEREAS, there are currently no cost-share programs
19 available for feedlots over 1,000 head and limited
20 funds available for smaller feedlots, therefore
21 placing undue hardship on Iowa feedlot operators to
22 make the necessary changes to comply with the
23 Environmental Protection Agency's zero discharge
24 standard; and

25 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's
26 proposed interpretation and implementation of the 1972
27 Clean Water Act also threatens and impacts wet-mill
28 ethanol plants that are currently being planned and
29 constructed; and

30 WHEREAS, the cattle industry is vital to the food

1 supply of America; and

2 WHEREAS, the cattle industry is vital to the
3 economic well-being of Iowans; NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
6 Assembly calls upon the President of the United
7 States, the Director of the United States
8 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Congress of
9 the United States to intervene on behalf of the cattle
10 industry in Iowa to allow alternative technologies to
11 be used, instead of the total containment requirement
12 of the Environmental Protection Agency's open feedlot
13 regulations, as well as to provide cost-share programs
14 available for construction related to compliance.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
16 Senate, upon passage of this resolution, shall send
17 copies of the resolution to the President of the
18 United States, the President of the United States
19 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
20 Representatives, the Director of the United States
21 Environmental Protection Agency, and all members of
22 Iowa's congressional delegation.

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