

1-1 By: Perry, Creighton S.R. No. 642
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 29, 2015; May 4, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, and
 1-4 Rural Affairs; May 19, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 2; May 19, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-15 SENATE RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, A sustainable agricultural system is crucial to the
 1-17 continued production of food, feed, and fiber to meet both domestic
 1-18 and global demand; and

1-19 WHEREAS, In the United States, the agriculture and food
 1-20 production industries employ precision farming equipment, crop
 1-21 protection chemistries, genetic engineering or enhancement,
 1-22 agricultural nutrients, and other modern technologies; such
 1-23 advanced practices protect the safety of the public and reduce
 1-24 environmental impact while expanding yields, improving
 1-25 profitability, and ensuring an abundant and affordable food supply;
 1-26 and

1-27 WHEREAS, Agricultural pests present significant dangers to
 1-28 the industry and to global supplies of the products they attack;
 1-29 accordingly, the environmental risks of forgoing advances in
 1-30 agricultural technologies that protect crops are severe; excessive
 1-31 regulation may scuttle or discourage the use of agricultural
 1-32 chemicals that could improve human welfare; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Crop protection is among the most studied and highly
 1-34 regulated of all industries, at both the state and federal levels;
 1-35 the use of sound science should be the bedrock of our nation's
 1-36 regulatory scheme for the agriculture and food production
 1-37 industries, as these industries are critical to the economic
 1-38 vitality of Texas and the United States; now, therefore, be it

1-39 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th
 1-40 Legislature, hereby express support for the use of sound science to
 1-41 study and regulate such modern agricultural technologies as crop
 1-42 protection chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits,
 1-43 and nutrients; and, be it further

1-44 RESOLVED, That the senate express opposition to legislative
 1-45 or regulatory action at any level that may result in unnecessary
 1-46 restrictions on the use of modern agricultural technologies; and,
 1-47 be it further

1-48 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate forward official
 1-49 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-50 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
 1-51 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
 1-52 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
 1-53 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
 1-54 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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