ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 6

By: Muegge, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Coffee, Crutchfield, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Price, Pruitt, Rabon, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams and Williamson of the Senate

and

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A Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to remove or restrict the use of trade sanctions as they apply to agricultural products; encouraging Congress to work for the reduction or elimination of trade barriers and sanctions imposed by other countries against American agricultural products; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the export of agricultural commodities has provided the United States the only positive return on its balance of trade; and

WHEREAS, the only way to ensure that a positive return on the balance of trade continues is to allow international markets to remain open; and

WHEREAS, the use of unilateral economic sanctions rarely achieves its goal, but causes substantial harm to the producers of products; and

WHEREAS, not only do the sanctions imposed by the United States cause great harm to the Oklahoma farmer, but so do the unfair trade

barriers and sanctions imposed on agricultural products by other countries; and

WHEREAS, economic sanctions hinder the export of agricultural products, exacerbating the transportation of such products and possibly lowering the price received by the Oklahoma farmer for such agricultural products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges Congress to remove or restrict the use of trade sanctions as they apply to agricultural products.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages Congress to work for the reduction and elimination of trade barriers and sanctions imposed by other countries against Oklahoma's agricultural products.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 29th day of March, 1999.

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President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives