

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

By: Pope (Clay)

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to enact legislation restoring the safety net for agriculture; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, family farmers and rural communities have experienced in the past year depressed economic well-being because of the lowest wheat prices since the turn of the century, the lowest feed grain prices since the 1930's, the lowest oil seed and cattle prices in two decades, and the highest consistent temperatures and lowest recorded rainfall since the 1930's; and

WHEREAS, these low prices are being experienced across all commodities and are projected to remain at current low levels indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom to Farm Act took away from family farmers and ranchers the "safety net" which had been a part of the law since the 1930's; and

WHEREAS, this "safety net" was protection against unfair trade practices, low commodity prices and extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the input costs of farming including land taxes, equipment and production costs continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, low livestock and commodity prices have greatly eroded the equity that generations of family farmers have built; and

WHEREAS, these market conditions are disproportionately affecting smaller operations that make up the majority of farms and ranches across the country which in turn threatens the economic stability of rural communities in many states.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the United
States Congress to enact legislation to restore the "safety net" for
family farmers so that these farmers and the rural communities of
which they are a part can remain productive.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be sent to each member of
the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, the Clerk of the United
States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States
Senate and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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