

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 6

By: Muegge of the Senate

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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.

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