

House Resolution No. 6045

By Representative Schwartz

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1 A RESOLUTION urging the federal government to require the use of
2 sound science in evaluating crop protection chemistries and nutrients.

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4 WHEREAS, Agriculture is crucial to the continued production of
5 food, feed, fiber and energy to meet both domestic and global demand;
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7 WHEREAS, In the United States, the agriculture and value-added
8 industries and businesses utilize precision farming equipment, crop
9 protection chemistries, genetic engineering or enhancement, agricultural
10 nutrients and other modern technologies. Such advanced practices protect
11 the safety of the public and reduce environmental and natural resource
12 impacts, while increasing yields, improving profitability and ensuring an
13 abundant, affordable and wholesome food supply; and

14 WHEREAS, Agricultural pests and diseases present significant
15 dangers to the industry and to global supplies of products they attack.
16 While advances in agricultural technologies that protect crops and
17 livestock pose severe environmental risks, excessive regulation may
18 discourage or prevent the use of agricultural chemicals, which could
19 otherwise improve human and animal welfare; and

20 WHEREAS, Agricultural production systems and crop protection are
21 among the most studied and highly regulated of all industries, at both the
22 state and federal levels. The use of sound science should be the bedrock
23 of our nation's regulatory scheme for the agriculture and food production
24 industries, as these industries are critical to the economic vitality of
25 Kansas and the United States; Now, therefore:

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
27 That we support the use of sound science to study and regulate modern
28 agricultural technologies such as crop protection chemistries and
29 genetically engineered or enhanced traits and nutrients; and

30 *Be it further resolved:* That we oppose legislative or regulatory action
31 at any level that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of
32 modern agricultural technologies; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
34 Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the
35 President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the
36 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress;

- 1 and to all the members of the Kansas delegation to Congress, with the
- 2 request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
- 3 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.