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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 321

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

ANIMALS: Urges and requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency to take action on feral hog toxicant testing and registration

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take
3 action on feral hog toxicant testing and registration.

4 WHEREAS, feral hogs pose a significant threat to Louisiana's environment,
5 economy, natural resources, and agricultural production; and

6 WHEREAS, the feral hog population in Louisiana has reached nearly one million,
7 causing extensive damage to agricultural lands, native habitats, and water systems; and

8 WHEREAS, this damage has significant impacts on costs related to the production
9 of agricultural commodities, repair of land, and harvest yields; and

10 WHEREAS, the associated economic losses are substantial, with damages estimated
11 at more than \$90 million in Louisiana alone and exceeding \$1.5 billion nationally; and

12 WHEREAS, LSU AgCenter researchers have developed a toxicant utilizing the
13 active ingredient sodium nitrite as a potential mitigating solution; and

14 WHEREAS, appropriate and adequate testing is necessary to ensure safety and
15 efficacy of the product with the intended species; and

16 WHEREAS, current guidance by the EPA estimates that the testing and approval of
17 the toxicant is unlikely to receive authorization sooner than ten years; and

18 WHEREAS, such delays will allow for losses and economic impacts exceeding \$15
19 billion nationally over that period; and

1 WHEREAS, failure to expeditiously review and appropriately approve the labeled
2 application of the toxicant will threaten the stability of our agricultural economies and the
3 safety and security of our food sources.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana urges and requests the United States Congress and the United States
6 Environmental Protection Agency to approve the LSU AgCenter's request to utilize the
7 Limited Replicated Field Trials Exemption, as allowed in Chapter 12 of the EPA Pesticide
8 Registration Manual for testing of a feral swine toxicant.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon appropriate testing and review that the
10 United States Environmental Protection Agency should promptly issue pesticide registration
11 for the feral swine toxicant once all necessary research and safety assessments are provided.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
13 of Louisiana emphasizes the critical need for timely action to combat the feral swine
14 population in the state and protect our state's natural resources, including water quality,
15 native vegetation, and wildlife.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
17 of Louisiana encourages the United States Congress to support and advocate for the swift
18 review and approval process at the EPA, recognizing the urgency of addressing this invasive
19 species.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, members of the
22 Louisiana congressional delegation, and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of
23 Environmental Quality.

DIGEST

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