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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR GALLOT

FARMING. Requests that the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture complete the approval process for certain new weed control system products.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture to complete the approval process for certain new weed control system products.

WHEREAS, American farmers play a pivotal role in providing food and fiber for the world's population; and

WHEREAS, the world's population is estimated to exceed nine billion by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations predicts that the global demand for food, feed and fiber will nearly double in the next forty years as population grows; and

WHEREAS, farmers are finding it harder to stay competitive in the marketplace given economic and environmental challenges, including weed resistance; and

WHEREAS, farmers must utilize innovative technologies to help them stay competitive while meeting food demands in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, through the new Enlist Weed Control System, Dow Agrosiences has introduced a product that provides exceptional weed control while increasing the overall productivity and efficiency of farming operations; and

WHEREAS, delays in access to new products can lead to soil loss, water waste and

1 increased fuel costs on farms; and

2 WHEREAS, while the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States
3 Department of Agriculture started the review process five years ago, these innovative
4 products have not received regulatory approval and remain unavailable to American farmers;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Canadian authorities have already approved the new weed control
7 system perhaps putting American and Louisiana farmers at a competitive disadvantage; and

8 WHEREAS, new systems, such as the Enlist Weed Control System, provide long-
9 term sustainability through innovative education and training programs, research and
10 development efforts, technology improvements and in-field performance testing; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana farmers need access to the newest innovative products in
12 order to compete in the global marketplace.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby urge and request the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States
15 Department of Agriculture to complete the approval process for certain new weed control
16 system products.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Johnson.

DIGEST

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