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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AGRICULTURE: Urges and requests the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to establish a cost share program to assist landowners and producers with the purchase and application of lime for enhancement of crop and grass production

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources
3	Conservation Service (NRCS) to establish a cost share program to assist landowners
4	and producers with the purchase and application of lime for enhancement of crop and
5	grass production.
6	WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by Cornell University, researchers found
7	that the United States is losing valuable top soil ten times faster than nature can replenish
8	and that poor soil health is a contributor to this loss; and
9	WHEREAS, the liming of soils to an optimum pH level is critical to crop and grass
10	production and nutrient management and is a necessary component of a conservation plan
11	for overall soil health; and
12	WHEREAS, acidic soils cause significant losses in production and biomass, which
13	negatively impact the ability for carbon sequestration; and
14	WHEREAS, the NRCS is a vital federal partner that works to improve, protect, and
15	conserve natural resources on private lands through a cooperative partnership with the
16	Louisiana Department of Agriculture office of soil and water conservation and state and
17	local soil and water conservation districts, forming the widely recognized Louisiana
18	conservation partnership; and
19	WHEREAS, the NRCS's assistance to landowners is essential not only to help them
20	conserve their soil, water, and related natural resources, including grazing lands, wetlands,

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1 and wildlife habitat, and to maintain the highest level of environmental stewardship on all 2 working farmland, but to also enable the highest yield potential regardless of commodity 3 grown, by developing and delivering a liming cost share program that is beneficial to the 4 natural resources conservation effort; and 5 WHEREAS, a cost share program for the purchase and application of lime will 6 provide valuable soil and watershed protection by increasing plant vigor and vitality, thereby aiding in increased soil carbon and the reduction of erosion through the improvement of soil 7 8 structure and ensuring the availability of vital nutrients for cropland and grassland. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 10 urge and request the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources 11 Conservation Service to establish a cost share program to assist landowners and producers 12 with the purchase and application of lime for the enhancement of crop and grass production.

DIGEST

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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