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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 188

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HUNTING: Memorializes Congress to oppose any provision in the federal Farm Bill that may negatively impact the use of hunting dogs

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to oppose any provision in the federal Farm Bill,  
3 or any other federal legislation or regulation, that would prohibit, restrict, or  
4 undermine lawful hunting, including hunting with dogs, field trials, dog training, or  
5 the use of working dogs in traditional sporting activities and to urge Louisiana's  
6 congressional delegation to protect the culture, heritage, and rights of sportsmen and  
7 women.

8 WHEREAS, H.R. 7567, the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act" (Farm Bill) of  
9 2026, is a major omnibus instrument filed to enact a multi-year law that dictates agricultural,  
10 food, and conservation policies every five years, approximately; and

11 WHEREAS, Congress is currently negotiating a new Farm Bill to address  
12 conservation efforts, commodity supports, crop insurance, and nutrition programs with an  
13 anticipated floor vote by the United States House of Representatives as early as the end of  
14 April; and

15 WHEREAS, proposed amendments to the Farm Bill include language from the  
16 Greyhound Protection Act of 2025 (H.R. 5017) that contain vague language that leaves both  
17 hunters and conservationists concerned; and

18 WHEREAS, hunting is a longstanding tradition in the state of Louisiana and across  
19 the nation, deeply rooted in the culture, heritage, and way of life of countless families and  
20 communities; and

1           WHEREAS, hunting with dogs has been for generations a lawful and valued part of  
2 that tradition, especially in rural communities where such practices are passed down from  
3 one generation to the next; and

4           WHEREAS, working dogs used in hunting, field trials, and related sporting activities  
5 are highly trained and serve an important role in lawful outdoor recreation, wildlife  
6 management, and conservation practices; and

7           WHEREAS, sportsmen and women contribute substantially to local economies  
8 through the purchase of equipment, feed, veterinary care, training supplies, travel, lodging,  
9 and other related expenditures; and

10          WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens have expressed concern that language proposed in  
11 the federal Farm Bill, or related federal measures, could be interpreted in a way that restricts  
12 or bans lawful hunting practices involving dogs; and

13          WHEREAS, any attempt to broadly prohibit or impair hunting with dogs would  
14 represent an attack on lawful sporting traditions and would negatively affect hunters, dog  
15 owners, breeders, trainers, and rural communities; and

16          WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes  
17 the importance of preserving lawful hunting traditions and protecting the rights of citizens  
18 to continue these time-honored practices in compliance with state law; and

19          WHEREAS, such federal overreach could negatively impact Louisiana's hunting  
20 economy, rural communities, and long-standing cultural traditions; and

21          WHEREAS, decisions regarding the use of hunting dogs are best left to individual  
22 states, which are more familiar with their unique ecosystems, traditions, and regulatory  
23 needs.

24          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to oppose any  
26 provisions in H.R. 7567, the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act" of 2026, that would  
27 restrict or limit the lawful use of hunting dogs.

28          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Louisiana  
29 Legislature urges members of the Louisiana congressional delegation to work diligently to  
30 prevent the inclusion of such provisions in any final version of the Farm Bill.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
2 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the  
3 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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DIGEST

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