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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

JOINT RESOLUTION

To commend United States rice producers and millers, and
for other purposes.

Whereas the rice industry is a good and valuable part of the
United States economy;

Whereas it is estimated that rice production, milling, and
marketing and rice-related commerce provide over
100,000 jobs in the United States economy;

Whereas the rice industry helps to generate a positive balance
of agricultural trade for the United States economy;

Whereas the rice industry generates over \$3,000,000,000 in
annual commerce for the United States economy;

Whereas rice is a popular food in the United States, with
consumption increasing 3 to 5 percent annually;

Whereas rice producers have made major efforts to protect
waterfowl habitat, and rice production can be managed to
protect water quality in an environmentally sound
manner;

Whereas the rice industry produces an important food used in the worldwide humanitarian assistance program of the United States Government;

Whereas competition for foreign rice markets is ever increasing;

Whereas, to be competitive, the United States rice industry must implement and maintain a comprehensive research and product market development program;

Whereas, to be competitive, the United States rice industry must use its resources efficiently and effectively;

Whereas a strong unified voice is a valuable and productive asset for any United States industry but especially for a comparatively small industry like rice; and

Whereas the United States rice industry, fully recognizing modern resource and market and other economic and environmental challenges, has voluntarily and collectively developed a plan for, and agreed to establish, an industry organization to best determine and accomplish its goals:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the United States rice industry is to be commended
4 for its decision to establish an industry organization, and
5 the President is authorized and requested to issue a pro-
6 clamation commending the decision and recognizing the
7 success that the decision will have in promoting the com-

1 mon interests of the rice industry, as well as the interests
2 of the rice-consuming public.

Passed the Senate October 8 (legislative day, September 12), 1994.

Attest:

MARTHA S. POPE,

Secretary.