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Recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself and Mr. STENHOLM) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JOINT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Whereas, during the terms of President Dwight David Eisenhower and the era of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, it became apparent that the development of external markets was needed to ensure the financial viability of the agricultural sector of the United States;

Whereas the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture was established on March 10, 1953, to develop and expand markets for, and improve the competi-

tive position of, United States agricultural commodities and products;

Whereas the Foreign Agricultural Service has represented agricultural interests of the United States during a period of great expansion of United States agricultural exports from less than \$3,000,000,000 in 1953 to over \$50,000,000,000 in 2002;

Whereas the number of organizations engaged in the public and private partnership established by the Foreign Agricultural Service to promote United States agricultural exports has grown significantly, with market development and expansion occurring in nearly every global marketplace; and

Whereas March 10, 2003, was the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Foreign Agricultural Service: 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 Congress recognizes the Foreign Agricultural Service

4 of the Department of Agriculture and its employees and

5 partners for—

6 (1) cooperating with, and leading, the United

7 States agricultural community in developing and ex-

8 panding export markets for United States agricul-

9 tural commodities and products;

10 (2) identifying the private partners capable of

11 carrying out the mission of the Foreign Agricultural

12 Service;

1 (3) identifying and expanding markets for
2 United States agricultural commodities and prod-
3 ucts;

4 (4) introducing innovative and creative ways of
5 expanding the markets for United States agricul-
6 tural commodities and products;

7 (5) providing international food assistance to
8 feed the hungry worldwide;

9 (6) addressing unfair barriers to United States
10 agricultural exports;

11 (7) implementing strict procedures governing
12 the use and evaluation of programs and funds of the
13 Foreign Agricultural Service; and

14 (8) overseeing the efficient and effective use of
15 Federal funds to carry out programs of the Foreign
16 Agricultural Service.

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