

109TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1010

Recognizing the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation on the occasion of its 70th anniversary, and saluting the outstanding service of its members and staff on behalf of agriculture and the people of North Carolina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Mr. HAYES (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. FOXX, Mr. COBLE, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WATT, and Mr. MILLER of North Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was founded on March 2, 1936, in Greenville, North Carolina during the Great Depression, a period of national frustration and economic disaster;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was established to organize North Carolina's farm families and to maximize their ability to engage in national, state,

and local policy debates that affect North Carolina agriculture;

Whereas at its first annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina on July 30, 1936, the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation had slightly over 2,000 members from 24 counties;

Whereas in 2005, the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was composed of approximately 490,000 member families from all 100 of North Carolina's counties, making it the nation's second largest State farm bureau;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation created a Women's Program in 1942 and a Young Farmer and Rancher Program in the 1970s to encourage leadership development among its members;

Whereas the organization is committed to advancing education in North Carolina through its R. Flake Shaw Scholarship Fund (1958) and the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (1984), which ensure that North Carolina's young men and women are well prepared for careers in agriculture;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation created and sponsors the Ag-In-The-Classroom initiative to introduce children to North Carolina agriculture, while also improving the quality of North Carolina's teachers;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's visionary Board of Directors developed numerous initiatives that enable farmers to effectively produce and sell their products, including the organization's Tires, Batteries and Accessories service and its marketing program;

Whereas in 1953, the organization founded the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Mutual Insurance Com-

pany, which is North Carolina's largest domestic insurance company;

Whereas the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Mutual Insurance Company is composed entirely of farmers; and

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation is a true grassroots organization that is dedicated to ensuring that agriculture remains North Carolina's number one industry through its unique policy development process and its active legislative and regulatory advocacy programs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
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3 occasion of its 70th anniversary and salutes the out-
4 standing service of its members and staff on behalf of ag-
5 riculture and the people of North Carolina.

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