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H. CON. RES. 271

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the termination of subsidies
for the export of durum wheat from the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 1994

Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. MEEHAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has produced in excess of 11,613,000,000 bushels of wheat since 1989 and exported 6,151,000,000 bushels during this same period;

Whereas such wheat exports have been subsidized by the Federal Government for a total payment in excess of \$4,838,410,152 since 1985;

Whereas, due to United States policies, only 250,000,000 bushels of the 484,000,000 bushels of durum wheat that were produced between 1989 and 1994 were available for purchase for the domestic pasta industry, which required

381,000,000 bushels to fulfill its production requirements;

Whereas these purchasers of durum wheat have been forced to seek a supplemental supply of durum wheat from Canada due to severe shortages of this commodity in the United States;

Whereas any limit on access to durum wheat will have a direct effect on the domestic pasta industry's ability to compete and maintain its employees;

Whereas the domestic pasta industry currently faces increased competition from imported pasta at prices below United States cost of production;

Whereas despite the shortage of an adequate supply of durum wheat to meet domestic pasta production needs, United States taxpayers continue to subsidize the sale of exported wheat through the Export Enhancement Program; and

Whereas some of the targeted export enhancement countries that have purchased taxpayer subsidized durum wheat are major exporters of finished pasta products to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Sec-
3 retary of Agriculture should refuse to subsidize the export
4 of durum wheat under the Export Enhancement Program
5 or any other program under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
6 retary—

7 (1) in any calendar year succeeding a calendar
8 year in which the domestic harvest of quality durum

1 wheat is inadequate to meet the needs of pasta pro-
2 ducers in the United States; and

3 (2) in any calendar year in which there are in
4 effect any trade restrictions on the importation of
5 durum wheat into the United States, including
6 quotas, ad valorem tariffs, or tariff rate quotas.

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