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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
2 STATES AND THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT AND ENACT LEGISLATION
3 TO ESTABLISH A TOBACCO QUOTA BUYOUT PROGRAM.

4 Whereas, the system of growing and marketing burley and flue-cured tobacco
5 currently in place in the United States faces many challenges and changes due to
6 contracting, lawsuits, governmental regulation, and foreign competition; and

7 Whereas, quota owners, tobacco growers, and the tobacco industry agree that
8 a transition from the current system is needed to ensure continued tobacco production;
9 and

10 Whereas, a plan of transition that is fair and equitable to all quota owners and
11 tobacco growers is needed to provide stability, uniformity, and certainty for quota
12 owners, growers, and the tobacco industry; and

13 Whereas, protecting family farmers and minority farmers and preserving the
14 production of tobacco for economic viability in rural communities is an important goal
15 of the State; and

16 Whereas, a buyout of the quota owners and tobacco growers would provide a
17 significant and needed economic stimulus over a period of time in the State of North
18 Carolina during a time of economic distress; Now, therefore,

19 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

20 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives urges the Congress of the
21 United States and the President to support and enact legislation that would establish a
22 fair and equitable transition program for quota owners and tobacco growers and the
23 tobacco industry that would buy out quota owners and tobacco growers.

24 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit copies of this resolution to
25 the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
27 Representative from North Carolina in the Congress of the United States.

28 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.