

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. RES. 775

Recognizing the 125th anniversary of the National Grain and Feed Association and celebrating the history and longstanding efforts of the Association and its members in transforming the American farmer's bounty into safe, nutritious, sustainable, and affordable human and animal food.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Mr. David Scott of Georgia (for himself, Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Bustos, Mr. Lawson of Florida, Ms. Craig, Mr. O'Halleran, Mr. Mann, Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Axne, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mr. LaTurner, Mr. Estes, Mr. Kind, Ms. Letlow, Mr. Feenstra, Mr. Rouzer, Mr. Costa, Mr. Baird, Mr. Correa, Ms. Spanberger, Mr. Hagedorn, Mr. Grothman, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia, and Mr. Rosendale) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 125th anniversary of the National Grain and Feed Association and celebrating the history and longstanding efforts of the Association and its members in transforming the American farmer's bounty into safe, nutritious, sustainable, and affordable human and animal food.

Whereas, on November 9, 1896, a group of 38 grain dealers gathered in Chicago, Illinois, to found the Grain Dealers National Association (later changed to the National Grain and Feed Association in 1970), to pursue "the ad-

- vancement of the common interests of those who are regularly engaged in the grain business";
- Whereas the origin of the National Grain and Feed Association is rooted in 5 pressing needs faced by the grain and feed industry at the turn of the 19th century, including the need to establish a uniform system of grain inspection and grading, the need to construct a procedure for settling trade disputes, the need to improve rail grain transportation service, the need to develop fair rules to govern the trading of grain and feedstuffs, and the need to elevate the business practices of the industry;
- Whereas, in 1901, the National Grain and Feed Association formally established an arbitration system (which is believed to be North America's oldest industry-based arbitration system) to provide for a cost-effective and timely mechanism to resolve disputes involving grain, feed, and barge transactions;
- Whereas, with 27 regional and State-affiliated associations, the National Grain and Feed Association consists of more than 1,000 grain, feed, processing, exporting, and other grain-related companies that operate approximately 8,000 facilities and handle the vast majority of all United States grains and oilseeds;
- Whereas the mission of the National Grain and Feed Association is to "advocate a global open market environment to efficiently produce and provide a safe, abundant, affordable, sustainable and wholesome supply of grain, oilseeds, feed and related products responsive to market demand";
- Whereas the National Grain and Feed Association fulfills its mission through representation, employee safety and feed-quality training, communication, development of fu-

ture leaders, facilitation of the exchange of ideas, and education to members, government, and the public; and

Whereas the National Grain and Feed Association has advocated the interests of the men and women in the grain, feed, and processing industry with respect to the crafting, consideration, and codifying of major legislation impacting the quality, standards, safety, and transportation of United States grains, oilseeds, and feed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) commemorates the 125th anniversary of the National Grain and Feed Association;
- (2) recognizes the National Grain and Feed Association for 125 years of promoting the noble purpose of its members in transforming the American farmer's bounty into safe, nutritious, sustainable, and affordable human and animal food; and
- (3) commends the National Grain and Feed Association for its longstanding and continuing efforts to advocate for grain, feed, and processing interests critical to the entire agricultural value chain and the competitiveness of the United States of America.

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