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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNS, ANDERS, BURFORD, FANNIN, GALLOT,
LITTLE, AND NOWLIN AND SENATORS KOSTELKA AND THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study and resolve problems between the contract poultry growers and poultry integrators and to recommend the best practices and approaches to resolving their problem; to require that a report of its findings and recommendations be submitted to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development and the Senate Committee on Agriculture specifying its activities, problems, recommendations, and action taken on recommendations.

WHEREAS, poultry is any domesticated bird and includes: laying hens, broiler breeder hens, broiler breeder pullets, commercial egg hens, commercial egg pullets, broilers, roasters, turkey hens, and turkey toms; and

WHEREAS, contract poultry growers are producers of poultry who hold a legal interest in a contract operation and who produce poultry under a production contract at that contract operation; and

WHEREAS, poultry integrators are persons who own poultry that is produced by a contract poultry grower or who are engaged in the business of manufacturing goods from poultry, including slaughtering or process poultry; and

WHEREAS, a lender is a person who provides financing for the construction and equipment requirements for a poultry farming operation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby creates the Louisiana Poultry Task Force to study and resolve problems between the contract poultry growers and the poultry integrators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Poultry Task Force shall be comprised of the following members:

(1) The commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.

(2) The president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.

(3) Two broiler growers, one member appointed by the commissioner from a list of three persons from West Louisiana and one member appointed by the commissioner from a list of three persons from North Louisiana, each list to be nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

(4) One breeder grower appointed by the commissioner from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

(5) One pullet grower appointed by the commissioner from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

(6) Two lenders appointed by the commissioner, one from a list of two persons from West Louisiana and one from a list of two persons from North Louisiana, nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

(7) One representative from each poultry integrator doing business in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner shall appoint one alternate for each member he appoints from the list of persons nominated; that the commissioner of agriculture and forestry shall serve as the chairman of the board; that the members of this task force shall serve without compensation, per diem, and gas mileage; and that the task force shall meet annually or at the request of the chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report on or before January first of each year of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development and the Senate Committee on Agriculture specifying its activities, problems, recommendations, and action taken on recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, chairman of the Senate Committee on

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Agriculture, the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Pilgrims Pride, House of Raeford, and
Tyson.

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