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Joint Resolution

Mar. 5, 1987
[H.J. Res. 3]

To recognize the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Hatch Act of March 2, 1887, and its role in establishing our Nation's system of State agricultural experiment stations.

7 USC 361a note.

Whereas the Act of March 2, 1887 (24 Stat. 440), as amended, commonly known as the Hatch Act of 1887, has fostered the development of a system of State agricultural experiment stations in conjunction with our Nation's land-grant colleges and universities and made possible original research and scientific studies that have provided information on the application of scientific knowledge to farming, rural development, conservation of natural resources, and rural life;

Whereas the Hatch Act of 1887 has contributed greatly to the increased efficiency and productivity of United States agriculture, our Nation's leading industry, and in establishing research as a function of the land-grant colleges and universities;

Whereas the establishment of the national system of State agricultural experiment stations was one of the most important steps to ensure the continued development and training of personnel devoted to scientific research and original investigations in agriculture and the education of new research workers necessary to push back the frontiers of knowledge in agriculture;

Whereas the contributions of the State agricultural experiment stations to fundamental knowledge in agriculture have been substantial and their positive effect on improving the quality of life in the United States remarkable; and

Whereas the national system of State agricultural experiment stations has provided a foundation on which similar research programs in forestry, animal health, and home economics could be built: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the sense of the Congress that the State agricultural experiment station research

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system should continue to be supported as an important investment in the Nation's future; and that the one hundredth anniversary of the enactment of the Hatch Act of 1887 should be commemorated on March 2, 1987.

SEC. 2. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation commemorating the enactment of the Hatch Act of March 2, 1887, and its role in establishing our Nation's system of State agricultural experiment stations.

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