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Recognizing the ongoing work of The United States Sweet Potato Council and expressing support for designation of a “Sweet Potato Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

Mr. WICKER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas proper diet and nutrition are important factors in preventing diseases;

Whereas evidence indicates that eating fruits and vegetables, including sweet potatoes, daily as part of a healthy diet will improve health and protect against diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity;

Whereas sweet potatoes contain high quality protein and high levels of the phytonutrient, beta carotene;

Whereas sweet potatoes also contain high fiber, folate, Potassium, Vitamin A, Vitamin B6, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, and Vitamin K;

Whereas United States sweet potato farms yielded more than 1,600,000,000 pounds of sweet potatoes in 2006;

Whereas sweet potato production represents an important sector of the agriculture industry;

Whereas the sweet potato industry contributes approximately \$300,000,000 to the United States economy and employs thousands of people;

Whereas sweet potatoes are grown in 36 states, are purchased and consumed in all 50 states, and are exported, in fresh or processed form, to many countries, including Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, and the United Kingdom; and

Whereas The United States Sweet Potato Council has been the only National organization advocating for increased consumption of sweet potatoes: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the work of The United States
- 3 Sweet Potato Council; and
- 4 (2) supports the designation of a “Sweet Potato
- 5 Month”.

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