

producers from west Texas and the big country are concerned about low milk prices and rising production costs that are making it difficult for these operations to survive.

Dairy products, like milk, cheese and ice cream, contain essential nutrients, including calcium, and potassium. These products may help to reduce your risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers. National Dairy Month is a great opportunity to get together with friends and family and celebrate an industry that provides nutritional value to our lives and is an important part of many local economies.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts that are underway within the National Milk Producers Federation. They are working to develop policy proposals to address the current crisis that have affected the profitability of nearly every dairy farm in this country. While I may not agree with each of their policy recommendations, I do appreciate the forward thinking and innovative approach that they are taking.

However, despite these efforts, it is likely that whatever we do to "fix" the dairy policy will be negatively offset as a result of other policies advocated by this administration and the Democratic leadership in Congress. Whether we are talking about the cap-and-tax bill or the growing list of regulatory proposals being advanced at the EPA and other Federal agencies, there doesn't seem to be any limit on the costs this administration is willing to impose on big businesses or small businesses around this country. We need to empower businesses large and small to create jobs and have long-term profitability instead of burdening them with new regulations and taxes that prevent long-term business planning.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of America's dairy industry this month, I am hopeful that my colleagues will agree that in order to sustain the long-term profitability of this or any other agricultural enterprise steps need to be taken to curb the efforts by this administration and the Democratic leadership that threaten our industry, our economy and our prosperity. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. SPACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1368, Supporting the Goals of National Dairy Month. This resolution recognizes and honors America's dairy farmers who serve as a critical component of our economy—especially throughout my district in Southeastern and East Central Ohio. I commend Chairman PETERSON and Ranking Member LUCAS for their attention to this major and important industry in our country.

In recent years, our dairy farmers have struggled as the result of an economic downturn and price fluctuations in the market, and this is a problem that I have been working to address. To protect our farmers, we absolutely need to do everything we can to bring more stability to this crucial industry. In my District, dairy farmers are a keystone of our economy,

and this Resolution highlights the need to recognize them as an industry that needs our assistance.

In rural Ohio—and rural America as a whole—the agricultural industry is a backbone of our culture, our society, and our economy; as such, we need to ensure that our local dairy farms are protected. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this Resolution that honors such an important element of our food supply and our economy.

Again, I wish to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their work on this legislation. I also want to thank Congressman COURTNEY for his introduction of the Resolution.

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Dairy Month and the hard working men and women who are involved in this great industry. As I grew up on a dairy farm, I have a very keen appreciation for those who work the extremely hard and long hours needed to produce milk products. The dairy industry is vital to the United States economy and an integral part of the economies of California and its 21st Congressional District, which I am privileged to represent.

In California alone, dairy is a \$47 billion industry employing over 400,000 people. The state is responsible for 21.3 percent of the U.S. milk supply, with my hometown of Tulare County leading the nation in milk production. In fact, it represents 5.3 percent of total U.S. production and generates \$1.69 billion in sales according to the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Together with Fresno County, which I also represent, these two counties account for over 33.7 percent of California's milk production and generated just under 7 billion pounds of milk in the first six months of 2009.

The dairy industry has long played a crucial role in the economic and nutritional well-being of all Americans. My constituents are innovative agriculturists who are constantly looking for ways to further the growth and success of the industry. Moreover, the United States dairy industry is instrumental to the preservation of farmland and forms the backbone of many rural communities. Thus, I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to show their continued support for the dairy industry.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BRIGHT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1368.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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HONORING DR. LARRY CASE ON HIS RETIREMENT AS NATIONAL FFA ADVISOR

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1383) honoring Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1383

Whereas, on May 3, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education announced the retirement of National FFA Advisor Dr. Larry Case, effective January 1, 2011, after 26 years of service in that capacity;

Whereas a former FFA member from Stet, Missouri, Dr. Case earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural education, master's degree in vocational education, and doctor of education from the University of Missouri;

Whereas Dr. Case began his career in 1966 as a high school agricultural education instructor in Mendon, Missouri;

Whereas Dr. Case served as the Missouri director of agricultural education for seven years;

Whereas in 1984, Dr. Case left Missouri for Washington, DC, where he became the senior program specialist and coordinator for agricultural and rural education;

Whereas in addition to serving as the National FFA Advisor, Dr. Case served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National FFA organization and Board President of the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees;

Whereas in addition to helping form the National Council for Agricultural Education, Dr. Case also served as National Advisor to the National Young Farmer Educational Association, National Advisor and Chairman of the Board for the National Postsecondary Student Organization, and Chairman of the National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture;

Whereas during his tenure, FFA saw tremendous growth in membership and educational innovation, and was able to personally congratulate more than 50,000 young FFA leaders; and

Whereas Dr. Case has provided agricultural education and the FFA with strong leadership and a strategic vision for the future, and agriculture owes him a debt of gratitude for his good work: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BRIGHT) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. NEUGEBAUER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution, H. Res. 1383.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution now before us recognizes the outstanding

service of Dr. Larry Case who has served as the National FFA Advisor for the past 26 years.

Since 1928, the National FFA Organization, which was known as the Future Farmers of America until 1988, has provided leadership, career development, and agriculture education programs to young Americans.

Under Dr. Case's leadership, the organization has evolved to continue meeting the diverse needs of young Americans through agricultural education. Throughout his career, Dr. Case has distinguished himself as a visionary in this area. As the organization now claims more than 500,000 members, Dr. Case has led FFA as it prepares the next generation of leaders who will guide our country by the FFA motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

We congratulate Dr. Case on the occasion of his retirement, we thank him for his service, and we wish him and his family all the best as he enters this new phase in his life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this resolution to honor Dr. Larry Case upon his retirement as National FFA Advisor.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1383, honoring the contributions and the retirement of National FFA Advisor Dr. Larry Case. This is the time of year when we see FFA members in our Nation's Capitol wearing the symbolic blue and gold jackets. These students are the future of American agriculture. We are grateful to Dr. Case, as well as local and State FFA advisors across the country, for educating and encouraging these students to develop lifelong skills in the field of agriculture. In fact, two of my current staff members are former FFA chapter presidents.

With more than 500,000 members, the National FFA Organization is one of the largest youth organizations in the world. For 26 years, Dr. Case has served as the national advisor. The National FFA Organization mission statement is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

During his tenure, Dr. Case has led this organization in tremendous membership growth, promoted the importance of agriculture education, and helped empower countless individuals to build a brighter future for agriculture.

Dr. Case's involvement with FFA began when he was a member in Stet, Missouri. He later chose to pursue his agriculture education degree at the University of Missouri. In 1966, he began his career as an agriculture education instructor. Since that time, he has taught numerous students valuable leadership skills while learning about

the importance of the U.S. agriculture industry.

We appreciate Dr. Case's tireless dedication, service, and leadership, and we wish him well on his retirement in January. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1383.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support H. Res. 1383, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BRIGHT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1383.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1409) expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1409

Whereas, on June 20, 1782, the bald eagle was officially designated as the national emblem of the United States by the founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress;

Whereas the bald eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States;

Whereas the image of the bald eagle is displayed in the official seal of many branches and departments of the Federal Government, including—

- (1) the Office of the President;
- (2) the Office of the Vice President;
- (3) Congress;
- (4) the Supreme Court;
- (5) the Department of the Treasury;
- (6) the Department of Defense;
- (7) the Department of Justice;
- (8) the Department of State;
- (9) the Department of Commerce;
- (10) the Department of Homeland Security;
- (11) the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (12) the Department of Labor;
- (13) the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (14) the Department of Energy;
- (15) the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- (16) the Central Intelligence Agency; and
- (17) the Postal Service;

Whereas the bald eagle is an inspiring symbol of—

- (1) the spirit of freedom; and
- (2) the democracy of the United States;

Whereas, since the founding of the Nation, the image, meaning, and symbolism of the bald eagle have played a significant role in the art, music, history, commerce, literature, architecture, and culture of the United States;

Whereas the bald eagle is prominently featured on the stamps, currency, and coinage of the United States;

Whereas the habitat of bald eagles exists only in North America;

Whereas, by 1963, the population of bald eagles that nested in the lower 48 States had declined to approximately 417 nesting pairs;

Whereas, due to the dramatic decline in the population of bald eagles in the lower 48 States, the Secretary of the Interior listed the bald eagle as an endangered species on the list of endangered species published under section 4(c)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(1));

Whereas caring and concerned individuals from the Federal, State, and private sectors banded together to save, and help ensure the recovery and protection of, bald eagles;

Whereas, on July 20, 1969, the first manned lunar landing occurred in the Apollo 11 Lunar Excursion Module, which was named "Eagle";

Whereas the "Eagle" played an integral role in achieving the goal of the United States of landing a man on the Moon and returning that man safely to Earth;

Whereas, in 1995, as a result of the efforts of those caring and concerned individuals, the Secretary of the Interior listed the bald eagle as a threatened species on the list of threatened species published under section 4(c)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(1));

Whereas, by 2007, the population of bald eagles that nested in the lower 48 States had increased to approximately 10,000 nesting pairs, an increase of approximately 2,500 percent from the preceding 40 years;

Whereas, in 2007, the population of bald eagles that nested in the State of Alaska was approximately 50,000 to 70,000;

Whereas, on June 28, 2007, the Secretary of the Interior removed the bald eagle from the list of threatened species published under section 4(c)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(1));

Whereas bald eagles remain protected in accordance with—

(1) the Act of June 8, 1940 (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.) (commonly known as the "Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940"); and

(2) the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.);

Whereas, on January 15, 2008, the Secretary of the Treasury issued 3 limited edition bald eagle commemorative coins under the American Bald Eagle Recovery and National Emblem Commemorative Coin Act (Public Law 108-486; 118 Stat. 3934);

Whereas the sale of the limited edition bald eagle commemorative coins issued by the Secretary of the Treasury has raised approximately \$7,800,000 for the nonprofit American Eagle Foundation of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to support efforts to protect the bald eagle;

Whereas, if not for the vigilant conservation efforts of concerned Americans and the enactment of strict environmental protection laws (including regulations), the bald eagle would probably be extinct;

Whereas the American Eagle Foundation has brought substantial public attention to the cause of the protection and care of the bald eagle nationally;

Whereas November 4, 2010, marks the 25th anniversary of the American Eagle Foundation;

Whereas the dramatic recovery of the population of bald eagles—