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H. CON. RES. 95

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Labor should recognize the unique circumstances of farm family youth workers when issuing regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act relating to hired farm workers under the age of 16.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2011

Mr. LATHAM (for himself and Mr. BOREN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Labor should recognize the unique circumstances of farm family youth workers when issuing regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act relating to hired farm workers under the age of 16.

Whereas, on September 2, 2011, the Department of Labor published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to update the agricultural child labor regulations;

Whereas family farms often depend on the contributions of youth for their successful operation;

Whereas the proposed regulations will adversely impact the longstanding tradition of youth working on farms to gain

valuable skills and lessons on hard work, character, and leadership;

Whereas the proposed regulations would be detrimental to the opportunity for youth to gain experiential learning and hands-on skills for enrollment in vocational agricultural training;

Whereas the proposed regulations would obstruct the opportunity for youth to find rewarding employment and earn money for a college education or other meaningful purposes;

Whereas the proposed regulations will limit opportunities to recruit young farmers to agriculture at a time when the average age of farmers continues to rise; and

Whereas working on a farm has become a way of life for thousands of youth across rural America: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Sec-
 3 retary of Labor should recognize the unique circumstances
 4 of farm family youth workers and multi-generational fam-
 5 ily partnerships in agricultural operations when issuing
 6 regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act relating
 7 to hired farm workers under the age of 16.

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