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S. RES. 397

Supporting the recognition of 2016 as the “Year of Pulses” and acknowledging the nutritional benefit and important contribution to soil health of pulse crops.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. HEITKAMP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

RESOLUTION

Supporting the recognition of 2016 as the “Year of Pulses” and acknowledging the nutritional benefit and important contribution to soil health of pulse crops.

Whereas the United States will celebrate 2016 as the “Year of Pulses”;

Whereas the 68th United Nations General Assembly declared 2016 as the International Year of Pulses;

Whereas a pulse is a dry, edible seed of a plant in the legume family, including a dry bean, dry pea, lentil, or chickpea;

Whereas pulse crops are grown in abundance in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota,

Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin,
and Wyoming;

Whereas a pulse is an important component of a nutritious diet and is high in plant-based protein, vitamins, fiber, and minerals, including iron, potassium, magnesium, and zinc;

Whereas a pulse helps prevent serious and chronic illness, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and stroke;

Whereas a legume serves as an important rotation crop, keeps soil fertile, and improves overall soil health by replenishing nitrogen;

Whereas a pulse crop provides food security and nutrition to much of the developing world as a low-cost source of protein; and

Whereas a pulse crop is an important economic development crop for small farmers, for both domestic production and export potential: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate supports—

2 (1) the recognition of 2016 as the “Year of
3 Pulses”;

4 (2) the participation by representatives of the
5 Federal Government in events and activities orga-
6 nized pursuant to the observance by the United Na-
7 tions of the International Year of Pulses in 2016;
8 and

9 (3) the future funding of programs to support
10 the cultivation and consumption of pulses.

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