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Senator Ronald M. Winterton proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ronald M. Winterton

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution recognizes the importance of the agriculture industry to the state and declares the Decade of Agriculture.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ addresses how the agriculture industry affects the world, the state, emergencies, and the environment;
- ▶ discusses the characteristics of Utah agriculture now and into the future;
- ▶ addresses Utah's agriculture community being unified in an effort to pursue a Decade of Agriculture;

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- ▶ acknowledges the importance of agriculture; and
- ▶ declares the Decade of Agriculture.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers, who have long been stewards of our land and animals, and as the providers of sustenance for our people, have shown over the course of history the ability to create economically viable solutions in harmony with ecological sustainability, thereby feeding the world;

WHEREAS, the world population is expected to increase by 2 billion in the next 30 years, exceeding 9 billion by 2050, and consequently global agricultural output will need to grow by no less than 70% to feed humanity;

WHEREAS, episodic weather events, environmental and climate stressors, loss of farmland from urbanization, declining revenue share to the producer, and regulatory complexity impose strain on the production of food and fiber, and have the potential to impede necessary growth;

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental demands of a growing global population require resilient and creative solutions that Utah, as an agricultural leader, is already engaged in through sustainable practices and investing in much-needed research to inform the future;

WHEREAS, Utah is well positioned as a state to further invest in the potential of its agricultural community and commit to being part of a forward-thinking, economically viable and sustainable future;

WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is resilient, innovative, evidence-based, solution-oriented, and learns from a remarkable past;

WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is restorative, continually adapting management practices, and making systemic improvements;

WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is climate smart:

- developing and conserving healthy soils, clean water, and clean air;
- making strides toward carbon reduction through biodiversity, use of

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biofuels, cover crops, crop rotation, no and reduced till techniques, and carbon cycling; and

- implementing protective and practical fertilization and waste management practices;

WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is productive of food, natural fiber, and clean energy;

WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is sustainable, employing proper stewardship practices, maximizing animal welfare, minimizing waste, and investing in the future through improved farm technology, infrastructure development, and university innovation, research and endowments;

WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is economically viable, making market-based decisions that fit a profitable business model, and contributing \$1.8 billion in annual sales and employing 25,148 Utah workers;

~~{ WHEREAS, Utah's agriculture producers and processors account for more than 20% of the state's gross domestic product;~~

‡ WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is vibrant, diverse (over 18,000 farms), equitable, collaborative and a major producer in the United States of livestock and crop commodities (such as pork, milk, cherries, corn, hay, wheat, trout, lamb, and wool);

WHEREAS, 98% of farms and ranches are owned by individuals, family partnerships, or family corporations;

WHEREAS, Utah's agricultural industry is prosperous, feeding the world, informing and educating consumers, developing respect and value across economic sectors, and deserving of protection and continuity for our future;

WHEREAS, agriculture workers have been categorized as essential in emergency declarations and continue to work through recent pandemic surges despite obvious health risks;

WHEREAS, agriculture has been impacted by recent supply chain concerns and wants to be part of solutions that ensure Utah's food and other needs are met, even during times of emergency;

WHEREAS, although 79.4% of diverted water is used in agriculture, the most beneficial use of water in Utah is in support of production agriculture because Utah's farmers and ranchers produce commodities worth \$1.82 billion of products sold in 2019, and increase

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other sales as a result of agricultural producers doing business with other businesses; and

WHEREAS, Utah's agriculture community is unified in an effort to pursue a Decade of Agriculture where resilient, restorative, economically viable and climate-smart agricultural systems produce abundant and nutritious food, natural fiber, and clean energy for a sustainable, vibrant, and prosperous America:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, acknowledges the importance of agriculture to the state and agriculture's critical contributions into the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor declare that the decade of 2020 to 2030 be known as the Decade of Agriculture.