

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6022

By Representative Faber

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9 A RESOLUTION regarding the mission of the land grant institutions.

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11 WHEREAS, In the nineteenth century our federal government passed
12 legislation providing public lands to establish institutions of higher edu-
13 cation to teach branches of learning related to agriculture and the me-
14 chanical arts. The idea was to provide a liberal and practical education
15 for the non-elite of our society. Additionally, agricultural extension work
16 was to be carried on in cooperation with the United States Department
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18 WHEREAS, The land grant institutions have been highly successful
19 in providing practical, professional education for many of America's chil-
20 dren. In this modern, complex age, however, the focus of our land grant
21 institutions have changed to research, research projects and publication
22 of the results of research. A dedicated researcher is not necessarily a good
23 teacher, and the excellence of a land grant institution should not be meas-
24 ured by the number of research papers the faculty has published. A dark
25 side of the frenzy for published research is the support and affiliation
26 provided by commercial organizations: Now, therefore,

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-*
28 *sas:* That the sense of this body is that careful consideration should be
29 given to obtaining a balance of teaching, extension projects and research
30 in our land grant institutions; and

31 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
32 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of
33 Kansas State University and to each member of the Kansas legislative
34 delegation in the federal congress.