

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6011

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and Williams

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11 A RESOLUTION supporting an exemption from air emissions require-
12 ments for cattle producers and prairie maintenance.
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14 WHEREAS, Cattle production is not only an historically important
15 business to Kansas but is also an extremely important contemporary in-
16 dustry throughout the Midwest; and

17 WHEREAS, Range burning recreates a natural process of rejuvenation
18 of the tall grass prairie in a controlled manner; and

19 WHEREAS, Beef production is an essential component to overall food
20 production and nutrition to consumers worldwide; and

21 WHEREAS, Inclusion of the cattle production industry in a federal
22 emissions trading law would not only be an economic burden to cattle
23 producers but would also ultimately raise the price of beef in the United
24 States; and

25 WHEREAS, Cattle production is a very small contributor to overall
26 carbon dioxide production or atmospheric methane levels; and

27 WHEREAS, The Tall Grass Prairie is one of the most unique ecosys-
28 tems in the world; is a source of environmental benefits including clean
29 air and water; and prescribed burning is a vital tool to maintaining the
30 health of the ecosystem: Now, therefore,

31 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
32 That the Legislature of the State of Kansas appeals to the President of
33 the United States of America, the Environmental Protection Agency, the
34 Congress of the United States of America, and the Kansas Congressional
35 Delegation to exclude cattle production and prairie maintenance from
36 future air emissions regulations and legislation.

37 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
38 sentatives be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the
39 President of the United States of America, the Environmental Protection
40 Agency and the Kansas Congressional Delegation.