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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 139

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1 A Resolution requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to  
2 establish a task force to study value-added agricultural  
3 issues.

4 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes the  
5 importance of the multibillion dollar Iowa agriculture  
6 economy and critical role that public policy plays on  
7 this vital segment of the economy; and

8 WHEREAS, future economic growth in Iowa depends on  
9 the availability of value-added markets for  
10 agricultural products; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
12 That the Secretary of Agriculture establish a task  
13 force to complete a thorough review of Iowa's public  
14 policy related to value-added agriculture,  
15 opportunities for producers to access financing,  
16 opportunities for producers to access processing and  
17 value-added markets for their products, the impact of  
18 the structure of Iowa agriculture on future economic  
19 growth and the long-term ability of the independent  
20 livestock producer to play a viable economic role in  
21 Iowa's agricultural future; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall,  
23 at a minimum, consist of a representative of the Iowa  
24 Cattlemen's Association, a representative of the Iowa  
25 Pork Producers Association, a representative of the  
26 Iowa Bankers Association, a representative of the  
27 Agribusiness Association of Iowa, a representative of  
28 the Iowa Area Development Group, a representative of

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1 the Professional Developers of Iowa, a professor of  
2 agricultural policy and economics designated by the  
3 President of Iowa State University of Science and  
4 Technology, two persons representing value-added  
5 processors doing business in Iowa, the chairpersons  
6 and ranking members of the standing committees on  
7 Agriculture in both the Senate and the House of  
8 Representatives, the Director of the Department of  
9 Natural Resources, and the Secretary of Agriculture;  
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of  
12 Agriculture and a professor of agricultural policy and  
13 economics at Iowa State University of Science and  
14 Technology shall serve as cochairpersons of the task  
15 force; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, by January 10, 2003,  
17 the task force shall submit a written report to the  
18 General Assembly regarding the findings of the task  
19 force which shall include recommendations.

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