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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

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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 Corn Growers Association, a representative of the  
27 Iowa Soybean Association, a representative of the Iowa  
28 Poultry Association, a representative of the Iowa

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

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of  
15 Agriculture shall serve as chairperson of the task  
16 force; and

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

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