

House Resolution No. 6010

By Representative Trimmer

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1 A RESOLUTION requesting that the United States Department of Labor
2 continue to exempt young persons under the age of 16 from the
3 provisions of child labor laws when the work is farm related.

4 WHEREAS, It has been a long tradition in American agriculture that
5 young people under 16 years of age have helped on the farm; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of these young people are members of a family
7 helping to support a family farm; and

8 WHEREAS, The number of agriculturally related accidents among
9 youngsters under the age of 16 working on a farm is no greater than the
10 number of accidents involving youngsters under the age of 16 which occur
11 on the highway or in other youth-related activities; and

12 WHEREAS, Prohibiting youngsters under the age of 16 from working
13 on farms would have a severely negative impact on many farm family
14 incomes; and

15 WHEREAS, The tradition of children of farm families working on the
16 family farm not only strengthens the family unit, but it also builds
17 character in the children which serves them well in later life; and

18 WHEREAS, Prohibiting youngsters under the age of 16 from working
19 on farms would place some farm families in an extremely difficult position
20 by having to choose between violating the law while preserving a long-
21 standing and highly cherished agricultural tradition or following the law to
22 the detriment of the farm family and the family farm: Now, therefore,

23 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
24 That we urge the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor to make no
25 changes in the current laws or regulations regarding child labor which
26 would disrupt or have a detrimental effect on agriculture and the ability of
27 children under the age of 16 to work on a farm; and

28 *Be it further resolved:* That copies of this resolution be provided to
29 Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Labor and to the
30 Kansas congressional delegation.
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