House Concurrent Resolution No. 21

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

Relating to the Poultry Industry Committee.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Whereas, the poultry industry is a vital, profitable, and important industry in this state; and

4 **Whereas**, the General Assembly wishes to maintain and enhance the positive 5 economic impacts while making every attempt to eliminate negative aspects of the industry; and 6

7 **Whereas**, the poultry industry produces waste products which have significantly 8 impacted the environment of the state; and

10 Whereas, the Poultry Industry Committee was created in 2002 to study the 11 economic and environmental impact of the poultry industry in this state, especially the impacts 12 this industry has on sensitive environmental areas; and

14 **Whereas**, while the Poultry Industry Committee has officially completed its duties, 15 there is still work to be accomplished:

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17 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of 18 Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate 19 concurring therein, hereby reauthorize the "Poultry Industry Committee" to continue its review 20 and evaluation of both the economic impact of the poultry industry, waste disposal issues, and 21 environmental impacts of this industry, and as well as making recommendations on further 22 action or legislative remedies, if any, to be taken as necessary; and

Be it further resolved that such Committee shall be composed of twenty-24 25 seven members, one member to be a member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro 26 Tem of the Senate, one member to be a member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, two county commissioners or their designees, a representative from 27 28 the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), a representative of the 29 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a representative of the Department of Natural 30 Resources, a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, a representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), a representative of the university 31 32 extension system, a representative of the poultry federation, a representative of the Missouri 33 Farmer's Association, a representative of the Farm Bureau, a representative of the Department 34 of Conservation, a representative of the University of Missouri Department of Agriculture, Food, 35 and Natural Resources, a representative of the Southwest Missouri State University Department of Agriculture, a representative of the University of Missouri Commercial Agriculture Program, 36 37 a member appointed by the Resource Conservation & Development Council, a representative of the Department of Economic Development, a representative of the Department of Agriculture, 38 39 a representative of the Clean Water Commission, two active poultry farmers, two poultry 40 industry contractors or processors, a person active in the processing/value-added portion of 41 poultry waste, one person from Missouri Farm Credit Services. Each member of the Committee 42 shall serve until December 31, 2005; and

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Be it further resolved that the Committee may conduct its business by 44 various means but shall meet no less than twice each year as a full Committee; and 45 46

Be it further resolved that all state agencies shall cooperate with the 47 Committee in carrying out its duties, including allowing access to closed records, provided that 48 49 the Committee shall not disclose any identifying information contained in such records closed 50 pursuant to statute or general order and any such information in the custody of the Committee shall not be discoverable to the same extent as when in the custody of the parent agency; and 51 52

Be it further resolved that all members shall serve without compensation 53 54 and the Office of Administration shall provide funding, administrative support, and staff for the 55 effective operation of the Committee; and

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Be it further resolved that the Committee shall continue to study problems 57 58 and solutions, collect information and provide recommendations in a report to the General 59 Assembly before December 31, 2005; and

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61 **Be it further resolved** that the Poultry Industry Committee shall terminate 62 December 31, 2005; and

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64 **Be it further resolved** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his 65 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.