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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO RE-STATE THAT THE  
CONGRESSIONAL INTENT OF THE FEDERAL UNIFORM CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCES ACT IS NOT TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION OF  
INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

1           WHEREAS, industrial hemp and marijuana are both species of  
2 the plant genus Cannabis sativa, which contains a unique class  
3 of molecules called cannabinoids, one of which is delta 9  
4 tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, which delivers a psychoactive  
5 effect; and  
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7           WHEREAS, industrial hemp refers to the nondrug oilseed and  
8 fiber varieties of Cannabis that have less than three-tenths of  
9 one percent delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol and are cultivated  
10 exclusively for fiber, stalk, and seed, and are genetically  
11 distinct from drug varieties of Cannabis; and  
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13           WHEREAS, industrial hemp is genetically distinct from drug  
14 varieties of Cannabis, and the flowering tops of industrial hemp  
15 cannot produce any drug effect when smoked or ingested; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the legislative history of the Marijuana Tax Act  
18 of 1937 indicates that Congress never intended to prohibit the  
19 production of industrial hemp when restricting the production,  
20 possession, and use of marijuana; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the federal Uniform Controlled Substances Act of  
23 1970 specifies the findings to which the government must attest  
24 in order to classify a substance as a schedule I drug, and those  
25 findings include that the substance has a high potential for  
26 abuse, no accepted medical use, and a lack of accepted safety  
27 for use, none of which applies to industrial hemp; and  
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29           WHEREAS, industrial hemp is a high-value, low-input crop  
30 that is not genetically modified, requires little or no



1 pesticides, can be dry-land farmed, and uses less fertilizer  
2 than wheat or corn; and

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4 WHEREAS, industrial hemp grows in a wide variety of  
5 climates, has a short growing cycle, leaves the soil well  
6 ventilated, and clears weeds from fields; and

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8 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is one of the most versatile,  
9 productive, and useful fiber plants known and is part of a  
10 greater trend that is transforming agricultural crops into new  
11 products that are economically and environmentally sound; and

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13 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is grown for its fiber, woody  
14 stalk, and seeds; and

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16 WHEREAS, the fiber of industrial hemp, located on the  
17 outside of the stalk, can be used to make clothing, bags,  
18 carpeting, upholstery, and rope; and

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20 WHEREAS, the woody stalk of industrial hemp can be used to  
21 make paper, teabags, cigarette rolls, construction materials,  
22 animal bedding, fiberglass, and plastics; and

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24 WHEREAS, the seeds of industrial hemp can be used in food  
25 products such as bagels, salad dressing, dietary supplements,  
26 and animal feed, and in personal-care products such as skin  
27 lotion, moisturizers, and shampoo, and in industrial products  
28 such as paints, inks, varnishes, or biomass fuel; and

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30 WHEREAS, industrial hemp thus offers significant business  
31 and employment opportunities in such broad commercial sectors as  
32 farming, processing, manufacturing, retailing, recycling, and  
33 cooperatives; and

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35 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the production of industrial hemp will  
36 allow Hawaii to fulfill its constitutional mandate to conserve  
37 and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture,  
38 increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and assure the  
39 availability of agriculturally suitable lands because the  
40 production of industrial hemp involves little use of water and  
41 little or no pesticides; and

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43 WHEREAS, the production of industrial hemp in Hawaii will  
44 also support the self-sufficiency of the building and



1 construction industries in Hawaii because industrial hemp can  
2 provide a local source of building materials that are superior  
3 to lumber, would not need to be imported at great expense from  
4 overseas, and basically would require mixture with only one  
5 other locally produced product, specifically, lime, to produce  
6 hempcrete; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
10 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the United States  
11 Congress and the President of the United States are encouraged  
12 to re-state that the congressional intent of the federal Uniform  
13 Controlled Substances Act is not to prohibit the production of  
14 industrial hemp; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
18 United States, Majority Leader of the United States Senate,  
19 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each  
20 member of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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