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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AG WEEK PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The U.S. Senate today approved legislation to honor American agriculture sponsored by Senators Bob Dole (R-Kan.) and Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.).

The resolution would establish the last full week of March each year as Agriculture Week and the Monday of that week as Agriculture Day.

Calling agriculture America's largest industry, Dole said, "The genius of the American farmer in providing for his fellow Americans and the world in the most efficient way possible is the essence of the American success story. He faces pressures unlike those in any other industry and yet has done a superior job in fulfilling our needs. He deserves a tribute, and Agriculture Week is dedicated to this purpose."

Said Humphrey, "Today's farmer produces more for his country than any of his predecessors ever did. Yet he does it on fewer acres, with a shrinking labor force, and from a smaller number of farms than this country has ever known.

"It is my hope that by establishing an Agriculture Day and Week that people generally will have a better understanding of this impressive contribution to the strength and welfare of our nation."

Humphrey and Dole originally introduced the resolution on October 8, 1973. It is now pending action by the House of Representatives.