

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the current federal milk marketing order pricing system does not fully account
2 for regional differences in the costs of producing milk and only establishes a minimum price for milk;
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5 **Whereas**, by design, the federal program relies on state regulation for an adjustment in
6 fluid milk prices to account for regional differences; however, the courts have ruled that individual states
7 do not have the authority to regulate milk prices under the Interstate Commerce Clause of the United
8 States Constitution; and
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10 **Whereas**, Congress may delegate its regulatory authority over interstate commerce to
11 regional groupings of states through the mechanism of an interstate compact; and
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13 **Whereas**, entering into dairy compacts is thus the means for states to obtain from Congress
14 the regulatory authority over their region's interstate markets for milk; and
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16 **Whereas**, the Southern Dairy Compact shall become effective when entered into by three
17 of the designated states in the Compact and when the consent of Congress has been obtained; and
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19 **Whereas**, at least three states of the required states having entered into the Southern Dairy
20 Compact, leaving on the necessary consent of Congress to be obtained before the Compact shall become
21 effective;
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23 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
24 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
25 therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to consent to the Southern Dairy Compact to allow the
26 states that enter into the Compact to have regulatory authority over their region's interstate markets for

27 milk; and

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29 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
30 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of
31 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and every member
32 of the Missouri Congressional delegation.