

1 WHEREAS, hunting with dogs has been for generations a lawful and valued part of
2 that tradition, especially in rural communities where such practices are passed down from
3 one generation to the next; and

4 WHEREAS, working dogs used in hunting, field trials, and related sporting activities
5 are highly trained and serve an important role in lawful outdoor recreation, wildlife
6 management, and conservation practices; and

7 WHEREAS, sportsmen and women contribute substantially to local economies
8 through the purchase of equipment, feed, veterinary care, training supplies, travel, lodging,
9 and other related expenditures; and

10 WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens have expressed concern that language proposed in
11 the federal Farm Bill, or related federal measures, could be interpreted in a way that restricts
12 or bans lawful hunting practices involving dogs; and

13 WHEREAS, any attempt to broadly prohibit or impair hunting with dogs would
14 represent an attack on lawful sporting traditions and would negatively affect hunters, dog
15 owners, breeders, trainers, and rural communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes
17 the importance of preserving lawful hunting traditions and protecting the rights of citizens
18 to continue these time-honored practices in compliance with state law; and

19 WHEREAS, such federal overreach could negatively impact Louisiana’s hunting
20 economy, rural communities, and long-standing cultural traditions; and

21 WHEREAS, decisions regarding the use of hunting dogs are best left to individual
22 states, which are more familiar with their unique ecosystems, traditions, and regulatory
23 needs.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to oppose any
26 provisions in H.R. 7567, the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act" of 2026, that would
27 restrict or limit the lawful use of hunting dogs.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Louisiana
29 Legislature urges members of the Louisiana congressional delegation to work diligently to
30 prevent the inclusion of such provisions in any final version of the Farm Bill.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
3 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes the U.S. Congress to oppose any provision in the federal Farm Bill, or any other federal legislation or regulation, that would prohibit, restrict, or undermine lawful hunting, including hunting with dogs, field trials, dog training, or the use of working dogs in traditional sporting activities and urges Louisiana's congressional delegation to protect the culture, heritage, and rights of sportsmen and women.