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(Senate Joint Resolution 65)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Education of the Role of Farming

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland State Department of Education to provide ~~classes~~ a program in the public schools of Maryland dealing with the farming industry.

WHEREAS, There is an increasing number of people who have no concept of the food chain, our most basic need of life; and

WHEREAS, We are faced today with people who sincerely believe that their food is a product of the supermarket and that it has no relation to the farmer; and

WHEREAS, There is a continuing decline of farms and farmers and that industry is now represented by less than 7 percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, Each farmer is responsible for approximately 27 other jobs and consumes 46 percent of our Gross National Product; and

WHEREAS, This industry is more important to our economy than any other single industry; and

WHEREAS, The farmers of Maryland have pledged their support to host student farm tours and provide speakers to help create a better understanding of all phases of agriculture so that this vital part of everyone's life will cease from being taken for granted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland State Department of Education ~~request funds in the budget to develop a~~ at least one course of study in farming for all students of at least 1 week every year enrolled in their senior year of high school provide classes for all students in the public schools dealing with the