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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1776
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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE TO THE
2 ECONOMY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OF BIOBASED AND
3 VALUE-ADDED AGRIBUSINESS.

4 Whereas, North Carolina's agricultural production is one of the highest in the
5 nation; and

6 Whereas, North Carolina's transportation infrastructure offers excellent
7 support for agribusiness by way of highway, rail, and ocean delivery systems; and

8 Whereas, North Carolina's State and county governments have demonstrated
9 strong support for new and expanding commercial enterprises; and

10 Whereas, North Carolina has historically offered agriculture and businesses
11 an excellent and productive labor force; and

12 Whereas, biobased and value-added products are rapidly replacing
13 petroleum-based products with fuels, feeds, medicines, and other materials from
14 renewable plant resources that create less pollution, are more biodegradable, and
15 generally have fewer harmful environmental impacts; Now, therefore,

16 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

17 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina
18 supports business and agency efforts to increase North Carolina's position in utilizing
19 the State's productivity in agriculture and forestry by expanding biobased and
20 value-added products.

21 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina
22 encourages the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
23 take the lead in expanding biobased and value-added production using current crops and
24 fiber and exploring new production opportunities for the State's farmers.

25 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina
26 requests that the United States Department of Agriculture provide suitable funding to
27 North Carolina from the 2002 Farm Bill Value-Added Agriculture Product Market
28 Development Grants to assist independent producers, farmer cooperatives, and others in
29 further refining agricultural commodities and biobased opportunities.

1 **SECTION 4.** The Principal Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to the
2 North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and to the United
3 States Department of Agriculture.

4 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.