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Representatives Sprague, Hill

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the existence of two alfalfa products 1
in light of the recent action of the Ingredient 2
Definition Committee of the Association of 3
American Feed Control Officials. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The Ingredient Definition Committee of the 5
Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) 6
established the existence of two alfalfa products - direct 7
dehydrated alfalfa and sun-cured alfalfa; and 8

WHEREAS, AAFCO has recently taken action to define direct 9
dehydrated alfalfa to mean the aerial portion of the alfalfa 10
plant, reasonably free of other crop plants, weeds, and mold, 11
that has not been stored in bales or in stacks as sun-cured 12
alfalfa hay prior to being ground and dried by thermal means 13
under controlled conditions; and 14

WHEREAS, AAFCO has set out to differentiate between chopped 15
alfalfa, which is dehydrated in the field, from alfalfa stored 16
as bales or stacks; and 17

WHEREAS, We, the members of the House of Representatives of 18
the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, seek to 19
maintain transparency in Ohio's agriculture and animal feed 20

industry and to protect Ohio consumers; now therefore be it 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 22
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 23
Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge alfalfa manufacturers to 24
label alfalfa based on AAFCO's alfalfa definitions, so that only 25
direct dehydrated alfalfa that meets AAFCO's new definition may 26
contain the words "dehydrated alfalfa" on the product's label 27
within this state; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 29
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 30
Ohio, urge alfalfa processors and suppliers to label any alfalfa 31
product that is stored as bales or stacks and any alfalfa 32
product that contains sun-cured alfalfa as "sun-cured alfalfa" 33
as defined by AAFCO in section 3.1 of its Official Publication 34
and not as "direct dehydrated alfalfa" or "dehydrated alfalfa"; 35
and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 37
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 38
Ohio, recognize AAFCO's current 3.5 definition of "direct 39
dehydrated alfalfa" and no longer recognize the previous 3.2 40
definition of "dehydrated alfalfa"; and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 42
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to AAFCO. 43