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CRP Contract Preservation

1 WHEREAS, there are 37 million acres nationwide and 1.5 million acres in Missouri, currently enrolled
 2 in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
 3 AND WHEREAS, increasing commodity prices are creating concern about reduction of CRP and
 4 increased instances of producers returning those lands to production.
 5 AND WHEREAS, those lands lack the production capability of those lands that are traditionally
 6 dedicated to crop production.
 7 AND WHEREAS, CRP has shown benefits in all wildlife conservation efforts, especially species of
 8 economic value, such as upland game and migratory waterfowl.
 9 AND WHEREAS, CRP has shown benefits in water quality from reduced erosion, runoff, and leaching.
 10 AND WHEREAS, retaining grass cover reduces the environmental impacts of intensive agriculture
 11 AND WHEREAS, the current penalty for buying out a 10-15 year contract is only 25% of the annual
 12 CRP rate.
 13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
 14 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 24th day of February, 2008 call upon the US
 15 Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency to stiffen the penalty to 25% of the rental rate each
 16 year over the remaining years of the CRP contract.