

Whereas no other nation on earth pays its agricultural workers as well or maintains such a high standard of living and healthful environment for her people as does the United States and that as a result thereof, the cost of labor for food production in the United States greatly exceeds the cost of labor in any other nation; and

Whereas in our determination to provide only the most wholesome foods of the highest qualities possible for our citizens we have added to the cost of food production expensive inspection and grading services for the benefit of our consumers; and

Whereas the preceding factors have resulted in an unavoidable increase in the prices of home grown agricultural products; and

Whereas foreign agricultural products do not have to contend with comparable cost increasing factors and therefore are economically sold for a price lower than that of the home grown agricultural products, causing the American product to have an unfavorable competitive position; and

Whereas the disparity in prices between home grown and foreign grown agricultural products induced by governmental action can only be removed by governmental action; and

Whereas if remedial action is not forthcoming the American agricultural industry will expire and the American consumer, though initially paying a lower price, would eventually be at the mercy of prices set solely by foreign governments; and

Whereas the lack of remedial action will result in American investment in foreign agricultural industries with a consequential additional depletion of the gold supply; and

Whereas food has been recognized by the federal government as our most powerful weapon in the fight for peace; and

Whereas the collapse of the American agricultural industry or a reduction in the productive capacity of such industry would detrimentally affect the civil defense posture of the country as the survivors of a civil defense emergency would be solely dependent upon American agricultural products for continued existence, Therefore, the Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture resolve that they do support those protective import tariffs which currently exist; and Be it further

*Resolved.* That the Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture urges the Congress of the United States to make a detailed study and determination of what additional agricultural tariffs and quantitative limitations on imports are needed to perpetuate the American agricultural industry and expeditiously enact such import controls; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution of the Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congressional delegations to the United States Congress of each state represented in the Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture.

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## RESOLUTION XXI

### MARKETING, TRANSPORTATION, AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, FOREIGN TRADE

Whereas the United States has established a national policy of eliminating poverty and providing a minimum wage in excess of that paid to workers in any other country of the world; and

Whereas agricultural producers in other countries do not have to meet high and ever increasing cost factors comparable to those facing United States producers; and

Whereas it is the establishment policy of all other countries of the world to protect their domestic agricultural industries, importing products in relation to their wants and needs, while the American farmers is expected to compete with unlimited imports of many agricultural commodities in excessive volume for these importing countries; and

Whereas in accomplishing the long-range goal of increased world trade, the American farmer is caught in an untenable position of non-reciprocal treatment for his products by other countries; and

Whereas failure to maintain a vigorous and expanding domestic agricultural food industry will be seriously detrimental to the civil defense posture of this