

1 [Urging California’s congressional delegation to support H.R. 2401]

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3 **Resolution Urging California’s congressional delegation to support H.R. 2401**

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5 WHEREAS, San Bernardino Representative Joe Baca has introduced H.R. 2401, the
6 Nutrition and Opportunities for the Underserved and Rural Incentives to Secure the Heartland
7 (NOURISH) Act of 2007; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Nourish Act would increase opportunities for minority farmers,
9 increase farm worker safety, improve access to healthy foods for low-income Americans,
10 provide emergency assistance to seasonal farm workers and promote conservation among
11 minority and other socially disadvantaged farmers; and,

12 WHEREAS, Under the current structure of farm subsidies, the majority of government
13 payments go to large corporate owned farms that produce commodity crops such as corn,
14 rice and soybeans; and,

15 WHEREAS, With their emphasis on commodity crops, the existing farm subsidies
16 place minority farm owners at a great disadvantage; and

17 WHEREAS, Since ninety-percent of Latino owned farms, for example, produce fruits,
18 vegetables, dairy and meat products, they are ineligible to receive these payments; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Nourish Act would increase opportunities for minority farm owners by
20 establishing a socially disadvantaged producer payment program which would provide
21 subsidy payments similar to those given primarily to corporate commodity farms to small
22 minority farmers; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Nourish Act would also require, and fund, increased outreach to
24 minority farmers by the United States Department of Agriculture; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The Nourish Act would assist seasonal farm workers by establishing an
2 Office of Farm Worker Coordination which would, among other duties, provide emergency
3 grants to farm workers left unemployed after a natural disaster; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Nourish Act would increase access for low-income Americans to
5 fresh food by including cost of living increases in the federal food stamp program and
6 providing additional funds for schools to purchase fresh produce; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges San Francisco’s congressional
8 delegation to support H.R. 2401; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk of the Board
10 to send a copy of this resolution to San Francisco’s congressional delegation.

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