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SENATE RESOLUTION 1475
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Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Bingham, Carpenter, Clodfelter, Dalton, Dannelly, Garrou, Garwood, Harris, Hoyle, Kerr, Martin of Pitt, Moore, Plyler, Purcell, Rand, Robinson, Soles, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

July 22, 2002

1 A SENATE 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 Senate:

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

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

25 **SECTION 3.** The Senate of the State of North Carolina requests that the
26 United States Department of Agriculture provide suitable funding to North Carolina

1 from the 2002 Farm Bill Value-Added Agriculture Product Market Development Grants
2 to assist independent producers, farmer cooperatives, and others in further refining
3 agricultural commodities and biobased opportunities.

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

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