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FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE IN COLORADO

WHEREAS agriculture has always been one of the cornerstones of Colorado’s economy, and

WHEREAS agriculture also serves the increasingly important function of providing essential wildlife habitat and scenic vistas for all Coloradans to enjoy, and

WHEREAS the agriculture industry is only marginally profitable due to competitive markets (both domestic and international), weather patterns, and many other factors out of the control of individual ag producers, and

WHEREAS, as a result of Colorado’s growing population and the resulting escalation of speculative land values, an increasing number of agriculture producers have opted to sell their productive lands to be converted to residential and commercial development, to the point where Colorado is now losing to development approximately 90,000 acres of productive farmland every year, and

WHEREAS a recent study conducted by the Colorado Farm Bureau identifies these and other challenges facing ag producers and draws into question the future viability of this important industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB urges the Governor to convene a task force to assess the future of agriculture in Colorado and make appropriate recommendations as to what the state of Colorado can do to ensure a viable future for this important industry.

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