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3 HOUSE RESOLUTION

4 URGING THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIVISION TO PERMIT BONA
5 FIDE FARMER MARKETS TO OPERATE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF
6 EXPENSIVE SCALES.

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8 WHEREAS, the use of farmer markets in many of the cities and com-
9 munities of this State provides an excellent opportunity on one or two
10 days a week for farmers to bring their produce to a central location
11 to be made available for sale to the public; and

12 WHEREAS, the establishment of farmer markets has encouraged many
13 farmers to raise fresh vegetables and other products to be sold to the
14 public thereby providing an additional means of income and employment
15 for citizens of this State; and

16 WHEREAS, most farmers cannot afford to purchase expensive scales
17 for use in weighing produce being sold, and in the event the State
18 Weights and Measures Division rigidly enforces scale regulations, it
19 will be economically impossible for farmers to sell their products
20 through farmer markets; and

21 WHEREAS, farmer markets have a long established American and
22 Arkansas heritage of encouraging initiative and free enterprise, and
23 should be encouraged as a means of providing fresh wholesome food for
24 the American public;

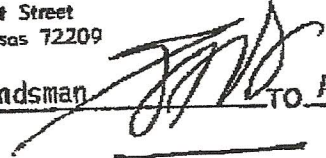
25 NOW, THEREFORE

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST
27 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

28 That the House of Representatives urges the Weights and Measures
29 Division to permit farmers to use scales of a type which approximate the
30 weight of the produce sold so long as the farmer displays a sign in
31 letters of not less than three inches in height near all scales used in
32 figuring weight and containing the words "Scales Show Approximate
33 Weight Only", or similar words promulgated by the Weights and Measures
34 Division to indicate to the public that scales used in figuring weights
35 do not reflect exact weight.
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FORM 708

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
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DATE April 6, 1977 FROM Sam F. Hindsman  TO All Field Investigators

SUBJECT Farmers Market

A bona fide farmers market is a central location in cities or towns whereby farmers, who raise their own produce, may have the opportunity to sell to the general public one or two days per week. All other markets that do not meet this interpretation do not qualify.