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Please accept my families' support for HCR6 declaring July Peony month in Alaska. Having the oldest farm in Alaska, I've seen from the beginning what an impact this industry is already making after only a few years. Last year I was invited to the White House for the Champions of Change for the Future of Agriculture. While I'd like to say it was all about me, it was really about the overall peony industry here in Alaska and the unique growth of an industry in a state where most people don't believe there is any agriculture. It is truly amazing what is happening.

This industry is ideal not only for the bigger entrepreneurs, but also for families and smaller farms. I personally know of at least 2 farms that are starting with the specific purpose to have money for their now Junior High children to attend college. Many more are starting farms to help with their retirement. I can't think of any other industry that can span the diversity of opportunities.

Recognition by our Representatives, in my opinion, is appropriate. Please allow me to support in any way I can this bill.

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