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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Blake Twenhafel on being awarded the 2025 American STAR in Agribusiness by the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) at the 98th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, The American STAR Awards represent the best among thousands of American FFA Degree recipients, recognizing FFA members who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies by completing a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program; and

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WHEREAS, Blake Twenhafel, a member of the Wesclin FFA in Trenton and a graduate of Kaskaskia College, is currently a junior at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he majors in crop science; and

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WHEREAS, Blake Twenhafel began BT Lawn Care by push mowing his first lawn in 2018, which he followed with utilizing extensive marketing strategies on Facebook and generating professional advertising materials; his business was part of his Turf Grass Management SAE, through which the FFA provided him with business development guidance and experience; and

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1 WHEREAS, Blake Twenhafel has led BT Lawn Care as it
2 continues to grow year after year, having built a quality
3 reputation throughout the community and maintained customer
4 satisfaction while further developing BT Lawn Care's brand
5 through strategic marketing; and

6 WHEREAS, Blake Twenhafel has also undertaken employee
7 management as part of the process of owning and operating BT
8 Lawn Care to continue meeting customer demand, hiring his
9 first employees, who were fellow Wesclin FFA members, in 2021;
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11 WHEREAS, Over the course of seven lawn care seasons, Blake
12 Twenhafel has continued to expand BT Lawn Care, a business
13 that serviced over 50 commercial and residential properties
14 throughout Clinton County and the surrounding areas in 2024
15 alone; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Blake Twenhafel on being awarded the 2025
19 American STAR in Agribusiness by the National Future Farmers
20 of America (FFA), and we wish him continued success in his
21 endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Blake Twenhafel as a symbol of our respect and
2 esteem.