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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Lemman Farms Inc. on the
4 occasion of being named the 2026 Family of the Year by the
5 Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA); and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, the IPPA honors a family-owned pork
7 producer who has contributed to the long-term success of the
8 industry through leadership and pork promotion on the local,
9 state, and national level; and

10 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc. is a third-generation,
11 family-owned agricultural enterprise located near Eureka that
12 remains deeply rooted in diversified crop and livestock
13 production, including raising corn, soybeans, seed beans, and
14 producing high-quality pork for regional and national markets;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc. was established when Vernon
17 Lemman started farming the main homestead in 1948, laying the
18 groundwork for future generations by cultivating crops and
19 raising a mix of livestock; and

20 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc., under the second-generation
21 leadership of Keith Lemman and his wife, Dorothy, eventually

1 transitioned from a multispecies farmstead to a swine-only
2 enterprise; and

3 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc. is currently led by
4 third-generation owner Chad Lemman, who serves as head of
5 operations and president; under his leadership, the family's
6 enterprise has evolved from traditional row crops and a small
7 farrow-to-finish operation to a fully diversified farm that
8 markets approximately 120,000 hogs annually alongside its corn
9 and soybean production; and

10 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc's daily routine is made possible
11 through the work of Chad Lemman's wife, Staci, who has been
12 instrumental as treasurer and bookkeeper, overseeing all
13 recordkeeping, accounts payable and receivable, and the
14 employee payroll; and

15 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc.'s employees are the heart of the
16 operation, with several having worked at Lemman Farms between
17 15 and 30 years, making it possible to have measured growth
18 without sacrificing performance and productivity; and

19 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc. has also been successful in part
20 due to the contract growers that work alongside the Lemman team
21 for providing daily care of the pigs and maintenance of their
22 barns while utilizing the manure on their own crop acres; and

1 WHEREAS, Lemman Farms Inc. continues to operate while
2 emphasizing generational land stewardship, efficient
3 production practices, and investment in both people and
4 infrastructure to support long-term growth and food-secure
5 rural communities; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Lemman Farms Inc. on being selected as the 2026
9 Family of the Year by the Illinois Pork Producers Association
10 (IPPA), and we thank the Lemman family and staff of Lemman Farms
11 for their continued hard work and dedication to the pork
12 industry; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Lemman Farms Inc. as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.