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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the backbone of Illinois' economy, 2 3 with over 72,000 farms covering nearly 27 million acres and 4 marketing of agricultural products generating more than \$51 5 billion annually; and 6 WHEREAS, Illinois farmers play a crucial role in feeding 7 the nation and the world by producing corn, soybeans, pork, beef, dairy, and specialty crops that are exported globally; 8 9 and 10 WHEREAS, The dedication, innovation, and stewardship of Illinois farmers sustain rural communities, protect natural 11 12 resources, and promote agricultural advancements that drive 13 economic growth and food security; and 14 WHEREAS, Despite their vital contributions, Illinois farmers often face challenges related to public perception, 15 regulatory burdens, and misinformation about modern farming 16 17 practices; and 18 WHEREAS, It is essential to recognize and promote the hard work, resilience, and ingenuity of Illinois farmers to enhance 19 20 public understanding and appreciation of their efforts; 21 therefore, be it

- 1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
 2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we affirm our
 3 commitment to supporting Illinois farmers and promoting a
 4 positive perception of their essential work; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we encourage public education initiatives,
 outreach programs, and partnerships with agricultural
 organizations to highlight the economic, and environmental
 contributions of Illinois farms; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That we recognize and commend the farmers of 10 Illinois for their dedication, perseverance, and continued 11 commitment to feeding families, strengthening communities, and 12 upholding the State's proud agricultural heritage.