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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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