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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Cowser family 4 of Bradford for being recognized as the 2020 Family of the Year by the Illinois Pork Producers Association; and 5 WHEREAS, Delbert and his wife Eva, with their children 6 7 Rodger and Phyllis Cowser, started building their farm in 1932 8 with 80 acres of land, four horses, and a herd of swine; and 9 WHEREAS, After four generations, Rodger and his wife 10 Annetta, with their children Steve, Andy, Marc, Darin, Vonnie, and Paula Cowser, moved to the Elmore Stock Farm and have 11 helped it grow to thousands of acres today, with pigs, cows, 12 13 corn, soybeans, and more; and 14

WHEREAS, We remember those family members they have lost, including Rodger, who passed away in August 2019, and Mike, son of Steve and Charlotte, who loved to work alongside his family on the farm and died in an accident at the age of 14; and

18 WHEREAS, The core values of the Cowser pork business are 19 family and faith; and

20 WHEREAS, The family has been, and still is, actively

- 1 involved and engaged in the farming and agriculture community
- in central Illinois, with service to the Illinois Farm Bureau
- 3 through education of the public and 4-H; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Cowser family regularly donates pork to local
- 5 organizations for fundraising meals; they also serve their
- 6 respective communities through holding township and school
- 7 board offices; therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 10 we honor the Cowser family on being named as the Illinois Pork
- 11 Producers Association's 2020 Family of the Year; and be it
- 12 further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to the Cowser family as an expression of our esteem.