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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost importance to the government of this State; and

WHEREAS, It takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by an oxygen-deficient atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant industry in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Due to increased training and more public awareness, deaths from grain bin entrapments declined until 2014; that year saw 38 documented entrapments nationally, resulting in 17 deaths; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, there were 61 documented cases, an increase of 13% over the 54 cases reported in 2017; of these cases, there were 30 documented grain entrapment cases; 50% of the 30 cases ended in a fatality; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Grain operators, farmers, and employees are
2 encouraged to help reduce the number of preventable injuries
3 and deaths associated with grain handling and storage through
4 education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort
7 by industry leaders and agricultural professionals working
8 together; and

9 WHEREAS, Through education and awareness of hazards and
10 safe work practices and procedures, the State of Illinois
11 hopes to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths
12 associated with grain handling and storage; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we declare February 21 to February 27, 2021 as Grain Bin Safety
16 Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we recognize the involvement of Nationwide
18 Mutual Insurance Company, CHS Inc., Corteva AgriScience, KC
19 Supply Co. Inc., Lutz Agency, Inc., NECAS, ProValue Insurance,
20 Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, AGI SureTrack, Delaware Farm Bureau,
21 GROWMARK, Kathy Barry Agency, Maryland Farm Bureau, New York

1 Farm Bureau, Ohio Farm Bureau, Specialty Risk Insurance,
2 Springer Insurance and Financial Services, ABIS Agri-Business
3 Insurance Services, Carter Fire District, First Gabrielson
4 Agency, Frazer Insurance Agency, Gallagher, German American
5 Insurance, Graves-Fearon Agency, Miami County Ohio Farm
6 Bureau, Scoular, West Side Salvage, GIT Insurance, Grimes
7 Financial & Insurance Group, Stuber Insurance Agency, Sump
8 Saver, and Nohr Wortmann Engineering in their promotion of
9 Grain Bin Safety Week.