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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Brazinksi Family on being named the 2021 Illinois Pork Producers Association Family of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, The Brazinksi Family owns and operates the Brazinksi Pork Farm located in Coulterville; the farm produces 34,000 market hogs per year in addition to a row crop farming operation that includes 2,200 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat; and

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WHEREAS, The family is led by Jim Brazinksi, who is president of pig production companies Grand View Farm and Grand Tower Farm and the service agency Corn Silk LLC; and

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WHEREAS, The family history of both Jim Brazinksi's parents is rich in farming tradition; his paternal grandfather set up his farm in the current Coulterville location in the 1920s; since his parents grew up on farms caring for various animals, it was only natural for them to consider raising animals; and

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WHEREAS, In 1984, Jim Brazinksi graduated from SIU Carbondale and started constructing more hog buildings on the

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1 family farm to keep costs down; and

2 WHEREAS, Anything the Brazinksi family thought they could
3 build, they tried to build; this included building their own
4 hog building, pouring concrete slats, building feeders and
5 manure pumps, and designing and making curtain openers; and

6 WHEREAS, On a herd visit in 2006, Dr. Bill Hollis, a
7 veterinarian with Carthage Veterinary Service, suggested that
8 the Brazinksi Family join a sow farm to improve the
9 consistency of their pig flows; this improved the health and
10 efficiency of the growing hogs, and as a result, the family is
11 still following this structure today; and

12 WHEREAS, Family is a huge part of the Brazinksi's core
13 values; this is evident as the family formed a small LLC called
14 Corn Silk to hire their own caregivers to make sure Jim
15 Brazinksi's mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease
16 13 years ago, was able to get compassionate reliable care; and

17 WHEREAS, The Brazinksi Family hopes the Brazinksi Pork
18 Farm will continue to grow in coming years as they strive to
19 produce the best pork possible with care starting at the sow
20 farm; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we recognize the Brazinksi Family's hard work and wish them
3 continued success with the Brazinksi Pork Farm; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Brazinksi Family as a symbol of our respect
7 and esteem.