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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor
3 Statistics shows the agriculture sector is one of the most
4 dangerous in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, the farming profession sees over 500
6 fatalities nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Occupational Safety and Health
8 Administration (OSHA), most farm-related injuries and deaths
9 are caused by tractor overturns, which result in approximately
10 130 deaths each year nationwide on average; and

11 WHEREAS, Additional injuries and deaths stem from grain
12 storage facilities, which can be especially risky; and

13 WHEREAS, Farm safety extends to members of the public as
14 well; while sharing the road with farm vehicles, visibility is
15 key to safety on the roads; drivers should remember that farm
16 vehicle operators have limited visibility to the rear, and
17 anyone passing such a vehicle should use extreme caution; and

18 WHEREAS, It is important to bring awareness not only to
19 the physical dangers of farming but to the emotional toll it
20 takes on the farming community as well; while we highlight

1 confined spaces safety, roadway safety, and other traditional
2 farming hazards, it is also important to encourage farmers to
3 take care of their own health; and

4 WHEREAS, As we enter the farming season, it is more
5 important than ever to follow best practices to safeguard
6 farmers and farm workers; now is the time to remind employers
7 and farm workers to put safety first; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we declare September 17 through September 23, 2023 as Farm
11 Safety Week in the State of Illinois.