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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Thaddeus Bergschneider on
4 being named president of the National FFA Organization at the
5 97th National FFA Convention & Expo, which was held in
6 Indianapolis, Indiana from October 23 to October 26, 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, The National FFA Organization, a school-based
8 youth leadership development organization formerly known as
9 the Future Farmers of America (FFA), consists of more than one
10 million student members from 9,163 local FFA chapters located
11 across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin
12 Islands; and

13 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Bergschneider, the former state
14 president of the Illinois FFA, was among 37 candidates from
15 different state FFA associations who vied for six spots on the
16 2024-25 National FFA Officer Team; and

17 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Bergschneider, while raised on a farm,
18 did not originally plan to join FFA due to his interests
19 differing from those of his elder brother, Luke, and his
20 father; rather, his FFA journey came about through his father,
21 a former FFA member who explained to him that there was a path
22 and place for everyone in the organization, and through his

1 agriculture teachers, Kaitlyn Kane and Brent Nelson, who
2 played integral roles in shaping his passions throughout high
3 school; and

4 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Bergschneider and his fellow members of
5 the 2024-25 National FFA Officer Team, Secretary Luke Jennings
6 of Ohio, Central Region Vice President Mary Schrieber of
7 Wisconsin, Eastern Region Vice President Caroline Groth of
8 Kentucky, Western Region Vice President Abigale Jacobsen of
9 California, and Southern Region Vice President Jack
10 Lingenfelter of Georgia, will lead the national student
11 organization for the next year; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout their year of service to the National
13 FFA Organization, Thaddeus Bergschneider and his fellow
14 officers will interact with a number of entities and
15 individuals, including business and industry leaders,
16 thousands of FFA members and teachers, corporate partners,
17 government and education officials, state FFA leaders, the
18 general public, and more, in order to guide the future of FFA
19 and its next generation of leaders; and

20 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Bergschneider, who is currently pursuing
21 a Bachelor of Science in Finance in Agribusiness at the
22 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, has communicated his
23 desire to serve as a national officer unafraid of expressing

1 his vulnerabilities to members in order to unite them in their
2 shared struggles; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Thaddeus Bergschneider on being named
6 president of the National FFA Organization at the 97th
7 National FFA Convention & Expo, and we wish him continued
8 success in his endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Thaddeus Bergschneider as an expression of our
11 esteem and respect.