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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kenneth Hartman, Jr. on the occasion of his election to the position of President of the Illinois Corn Growers Association; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Hartman, Jr. is a 5th generation farmer who has been farming his whole life; he farms corn, soybeans, and wheat on a family farm near Waterloo; the farm was once a dairy farm but is now a grain farm; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Hartman, Jr. attended Waterloo High School and attended a technical school for computer science in St. Louis; he later worked for a bank for about 6 months before returning to the farm where he now lives with his wife, Anita, and their 3 daughters, Amanda, Alexis, and Ashley; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Hartman, Jr. has served on the board of the Illinois Corn Growers Association for 6 years and served as Vice President before his election to the position of President; while on the board, he represented corn farmers in Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair, and Washington Counties; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Corn Growers Association,

1 established in 1972, is a grassroots membership organization
2 with 5,000 members representing the needs and interests of corn
3 farmers throughout the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, The board of the Illinois Corn Growers
5 Association, which consists of 15 directors representing
6 specific districts in Illinois and 3 at-large directors,
7 coordinates and conducts market development and creates
8 legislative and public relations programs to benefit corn
9 producers; and

10 WHEREAS, Corn production in Illinois totals 15.1% of the
11 entire production in the United States, ranking Illinois as
12 second in the nation for both corn production and acreage; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2013, Illinois farmers harvested over 2.1
14 billion bushels of corn from 12 million acres of farmland,
15 which was used for food products, livestock, and, increasingly,
16 for the production of ethanol fuel; and

17 WHEREAS, Through Ken Hartman, Jr.'s leadership, the
18 Illinois Corn Growers Association will continue to work to
19 expand Illinois corn in the ethanol market to deliver high
20 demand following a record breaking harvest in 2014; and

21 WHEREAS, Ken Hartman, Jr. and the Illinois Corn Growers

1 Association will lead the effort to upgrade the lock and dams
2 on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers and increase water
3 quality and nutrition in Illinois, benefiting not only farmers,
4 but all residents of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Kenneth Hartman, Jr. on the occasion of his
8 election to the position of President of the Illinois Corn
9 Growers Association, and wish him the best in his new role and
10 all his future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Ken Hartman, Jr. as an expression of our esteem,
13 respect, and good wishes.