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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Knox County Farm Bureau on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, and its century long tradition of serving local farmers and advocating for their needs; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago on February 16, 1918, the Knox County Farm Bureau was established by a group of 370 farmers from across the county; and

WHEREAS, The Knox County Farm Bureau was founded in order to provide educational services, farm research, and information to farmers across the county; and

WHEREAS, As the Knox County Farm Bureau has matured, its offices have been housed at five different locations including 76 South Cherry Street, 272 East Simmons Street, 95 North Seminary Street, 256 South Soangetaha Road, and, currently, 180 South Soangetaha Road in Galesburg in the Knox Agri-Center; and

WHEREAS, The Knox Agri-Center is a condominium association that was formed in 1979 to serve as an agriculture center in the community and today it houses the Knox County Farm Bureau, COUNTRY Financial, and the University of Illinois Extension

1 offices; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the Knox County Farm Bureau is 2600 members  
3 strong, having grown to this size under the leadership of its  
4 past 23 presidents including such distinguished former leaders  
5 as John Block who served as the Secretary of Agriculture under  
6 the Reagan Administration; and

7 WHEREAS, Currently, Knox County Farm Bureau President  
8 Grant Strom and the Knox County Farm Bureau continue the  
9 tradition of serving the community and local farmers;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate the Knox County Farm Bureau on its 100 year  
14 anniversary and its success and diligence in serving local  
15 farmers; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 presented to the Knox County Farm Bureau and to the President  
18 of the Knox County Farm Bureau, Grant Strom, as a symbol of our  
19 esteem and respect.