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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Miss White County Fair Queen Kelsi Kessler on being named Miss Illinois County Fair Queen; and

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WHEREAS, Kelsi Kessler, 18, of Carmi, was crowned the 61st Miss Illinois County Fair Queen while representing White County at the 110th Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention; and

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WHEREAS, The pageant was hosted by the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield from January 17 to 19, 2020; in total, this year's convention had more than 3,000 in attendance; and

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WHEREAS, In August of last year, 25 years after her mother was honored as White County Fair Queen, Kelsi Kessler was crowned with the same title; 167 days later, Kelsi was crowned Miss Illinois State County Fair Queen; and

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WHEREAS, Kelsi Kessler notes that winning the crown and participating in the State pageant was, for her, less about the competition and more about self-growth, getting to know people and developing as a public speaker; although a lot went into

1 preparing for the pageant, she felt it was much like competing
2 on the county level, aside from higher stakes and additional
3 events; and

4 WHEREAS, Kelsi Kessler currently attends the University of
5 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she majors in accounting;
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7 WHEREAS, Kelsi Kessler will be a summer employee of the
8 Department of Agriculture; she will also travel to an estimated
9 30 county fairs and will be the official hostess of the
10 Illinois State Fair in Springfield and the DuQuoin State Fair;
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12 WHEREAS, As queen, Kelsi Kessler's main duty is to
13 emphasize the importance of agriculture and county fairs to
14 Illinois; she got her start in agriculture with FFA; and

15 WHEREAS, Kelsi Kessler's father Curt is the plant manager
16 of Champion Laboratories, Inc. in Albion, and her mother Kara
17 is a banker; her grandfather operates a farm in Carmi; and

18 WHEREAS, Kelsi Kessler has her own video series on YouTube
19 called "Crowned with Confidence," where she encourages young
20 people to have confidence in whatever they attempt; therefore,
21 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Miss White County Fair Queen Kelsi Kessler on
4 being named Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, and we commend her
5 hard work as a college student and an active role model in our
6 State; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Kelsi Kessler as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.