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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Adrian Austin, a senior at
4 Mt. Vernon Township High School, on earning top marks at the
5 National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention; and

6 WHEREAS, Few people have won second, third, and fourth place
7 in a national competition, and even fewer people can say they
8 are a national champion; Adrian Austin is one of these few; and

9 WHEREAS, Adrian Austin won first place in the nation in
10 reasons evaluation on all species of livestock during the 88th
11 National FFA Convention held October 28 to 31, 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, Adrian Austin also took second place in beef
13 evaluation, third in swine evaluation, and fourth overall
14 individual in competition; and

15 WHEREAS, Each state could send 4 contestants; Adrian Austin
16 was one of 200 people nationwide vying for these honors; and

17 WHEREAS, Adrian Austin was also a member of the MVTHS FFA
18 livestock evaluation team, which represented Illinois at the
19 national convention and placed 11th and gold in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, According to FFA Advisor John Kabat, Adrian Austin
2 is the first MVTHS student to capture an individual national
3 first place in a division in the FFA National Career
4 Development Activities; last spring, for the second straight
5 year, she won the State championship in the reasons divisions,
6 while also picking up State championship honors in state
7 extemporaneous public speaking; and

8 WHEREAS, Reasons evaluations is much more complicated than
9 just ranking a cow, hog, goat, or sheep; Adrian Austin had to
10 explain why she gave each animal its ranking; she has put in
11 hours of practice over the years; and

12 WHEREAS, Livestock judging is all in the family for the
13 Austins; Adrian Austin's brother, Kane, took first place twice
14 and second place twice in the State in the event during his 4
15 years of high school; Adrian can never really escape
16 agriculture - even at home; the daughter of Steve and Holly
17 Austin raises show pigs and works with her parents and on
18 chores at home when she is not busy with MVTHS and the FFA; and

19 WHEREAS, Adrian Austin is the MVTHS FFA chapter president;
20 she has not yet decided where she will attend college next
21 year, but she would eventually like to earn a bachelor's degree
22 in agricultural communications and work for a livestock
23 magazine, preferably swine; and

1 WHEREAS, Judging develops different skill sets that will be
2 helpful later in life; one has to make a quick decision and
3 give oral reasons for that decision, as well as learn to
4 interact with different types of people; the FFA helps develop
5 these skill sets; and

6 WHEREAS, Adrian Austin is smart and focused; she loves
7 animals and speaking about them; she is a naturally driven
8 person in that if she is going to do something she wants to do
9 it well; and

10 WHEREAS, Adrian Austin serves as an example of a hard work,
11 passion, and dedication; her achievements have made not only
12 the agriculture community but the entire State of Illinois
13 proud; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Adrian Austin on her success with the FFA and we
17 wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Adrian Austin as an expression of our
21 congratulations and appreciation for a job well done.