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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 recognize the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) for its commitment to
4 proudly serving farmers in the State of Illinois for 100 years;
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6 WHEREAS, In 1916, the Illinois Agricultural Association,
7 commonly known as IFB, formed when a group of farmers began
8 meeting at the University of Illinois to discuss important
9 issues facing Illinois' farming communities and families; and

10 WHEREAS, These initial meetings brought needed
11 conversation on the importance of quality education,
12 resourceful avenues for information collecting and
13 distribution, and more effective and innovative farming
14 practices for Illinois' fertile soils; and

15 WHEREAS, IFB is a membership-driven, not-for-profit
16 corporation that represents 2 out of every 3 Illinois farmers,
17 while providing excellent agricultural resources, education,
18 and information to all rural and urban Illinois residents; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout its long history, IFB has developed and
20 initiated many farm programs, companies, and businesses in
21 order to improve Illinois' business climate and to ensure

1 agriculture stays at the forefront as one of Illinois' most
2 valuable economic engines; and

3 WHEREAS, IFB continues to give back to the people and
4 communities of Illinois by donating more than \$500,000, 10
5 million pounds of food, and 4,000 volunteer hours to local food
6 banks, while also awarding more than \$80,000 in scholarships to
7 college students; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, IFB is a leader for agricultural policy on
9 the local, State, and national level by focusing on its core
10 mission: to improve the economic well-being of agriculture and
11 enrich the quality of farm family life; and

12 WHEREAS, IFB achieves its mission by educating farmers,
13 supporting common sense legislation, and telling the farmer's
14 story to the public; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
17 Illinois Farm Bureau, its members, and its staff during its
18 100th anniversary celebration and we recognize IFB's
19 leadership and guidance on matters important to Illinois'
20 agricultural community; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, We designate April 6, 2016 as Illinois Farm

1 Bureau Day; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 distributed to the Illinois Farm Bureau and all county farm
4 bureaus.