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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Corn is a vital part of the Illinois economy and
3 should be recognized by becoming the State grain of Illinois;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois is the second largest corn producing
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, Corn takes up over 12 million acres of the 27
8 million acres of farmland; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois has roughly 36.5 million acres of land;
10 meaning a third of all the land in the State is dedicated to
11 corn; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the University of Illinois
13 Urbana-Champaign, in 2014, Illinois produced more than 130
14 billion pounds of corn; and

15 WHEREAS, Illinois is the second largest exporter of corn,
16 exporting over 50% of all corn it produces; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois alone produces 17% of all corn grown in
18 the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2015, Illinois farmers made over \$10 billion in
2 corn sales; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 urge corn to be declared the State grain of Illinois and
6 recognize all the wealth and prosperity this crop brings to the
7 State; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we recognize the members of the Pittsfield
9 Future Farmers of America and the local agricultural education
10 community for taking the initiative in bringing this issue to
11 the Illinois General Assembly; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Pittsfield Future Farmers of America as a
14 symbol of our esteem and respect.