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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Edwards County Farm
4 Bureau (ECFB) on the occasion of its 100th anniversary on
5 November 10, 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, The ECFB was founded in 1918 and became affiliated
7 with the Illinois Agricultural Association in 1920, the
8 statewide farm bureau; and

9 WHEREAS, From the 1920s through the 1940s, the ECFB
10 continued their work to support agricultural communities with a
11 variety of projects, including eradicating bovine
12 tuberculosis, starting the Anti Chicken Theft Association, and
13 purchasing a soil testing lab; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1968 through 1974, the ECFB celebrated its
15 50th anniversary; in 1979, at the annual meeting, membership
16 voted 82% in favor of a new building program; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1995, the ECFB Board of Directors created the
18 successful Ag in the Classroom program to be implemented in
19 classrooms around the county; and

20 WHEREAS, Robert Mason retired as manager in 1999 after 41

1 years of service; later on, "Bob's Tree was created to honor
2 his years of service; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2007, the ECFB achieved 105.72% membership
4 growth, making them the top county in Illinois for membership
5 growth for the 2006-2007 farm bureau year; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2018 at the Illinois Farm Bureau annual
7 meeting, the ECFB was awarded the newly established New Horizon
8 Award for their social media program, Ag Proud, that features
9 short videos and stories about local farmers; and

10 WHEREAS, On November 10, 2018, the Edwards County Farm
11 Bureau "Gathering of Members" will be the 100th annual meeting
12 of the organization; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate the Edwards County Farm Bureau on its 100th
16 anniversary and wish them many more successful years; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the ECFB as a symbol of our respect and esteem.