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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Brazinski Pork Farm of Coulterville received
3 the 2021 Illinois Pork Producers Association Family of the
4 Year Award; and

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WHEREAS, The Brazinski Pork Farm produces 34,000 market
6 hogs per year and runs a row crop farming operation that
7 includes 2,200 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat; and

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WHEREAS, The Brazinski Pork Farm is a family farm and is
9 led by Jim Brazinski; he is president of the pig production
10 companies Grand View Farm and Grand Tower Farm and a service
11 agency Corn Silk LLC and owns Brazinski Pork Farm; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Brazinski's family has an extensive farming
13 background; the maternal side of his family arrived in the
14 U.S. in the 1850s; his paternal family fled Lithuania due to
15 political tensions; his grandfather established the family
16 farm in Coulterville in the 1920s; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Brazinski's parents raised their children
18 along with many animals on their farm; his brother began
19 raising hogs for a 4-H project in 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Brazinski graduated from SIU Carbondale in

1 1984 and started constructing more hog buildings on their
2 family farm with the family doing most of the construction to
3 keep costs down; they still build a lot of equipment in their
4 shop today; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2006, upon the suggestion of Dr. Bill Hollis,
6 the Brazinski Family Farm joined a sow farm to improve the
7 consistency of their pig flows and to be able to raise larger
8 groups of pigs all the same age; and

9 WHEREAS, Family has always been a huge part of the
10 Brazinski Pork Farm values; Jim Brazinski and his siblings
11 continue to make sure that their mother, who has Alzheimer's
12 disease, is taken care of along with their father; and

13 WHEREAS, After several failed attempts to use caregiving
14 agencies, the Brazinski family decided to form a small LLC
15 called Corn Silk and hire their own caregivers; they formed
16 Corn Silk with the belief that care needed to be
17 compassionate, reliable, and the best possible for their
18 parents; and

19 WHEREAS, The farm currently employs six full-time
20 employees and two part-time employees and has a total of four
21 farms that contract finish hogs for the Brazinski family; and

1 WHEREAS, The Brazinski family continues to strive to
2 produce the best possible pork; and

3 WHEREAS, A 13-year member of the Marissa School Board, Jim
4 Brazinski is an avid volunteer and is a member of St. Anthony's
5 Lively Grove Catholic Church; he remains grateful, especially
6 when reminded of the hardships that his family has had to
7 endure; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 2,
10 2021 as Brazinski Family Farm Day; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Brazinski family as a sign of our respect and
13 esteem.