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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Taylorville Future 4 Farmers of America (FFA) of Illinois on being named the 2023 5 Premier National Chapter in Strengthening Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The Taylorville FFA of Illinois attendees of today include, Chloe Grant, Jay Bliler, Tucker Winans, Tanner and Drew Mickey, Stephen Franklin, Abby Norris, Audrey Curtin, Abby Erlenbush, Liam Steward, and Jake Whetsell; and

WHEREAS, The Taylorville FFA of Illinois awardees include Jay Bliler, who received the National Proficiency Award in Agriculture Research, Drew Mickey and Jay Bliler, who placed 2nd in National FFA Agriscience Fair Animal Systems, Abby Norris and Abby Erlenbush, who placed 4th in National FFA Agriscience Fair Social Systems, and Tanner Mickey, who was a finalist for Star Farmer Over America; and

WHEREAS, The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 945,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The National FFA recognizes the top chapters with
- 2 innovative activities in three divisions, which include
- 3 growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening
- 4 agriculture; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The Taylorville FFA of Illinois identified the
- 6 need for adult role models and established a program named My
- 7 Mentor, outshining the rest of the chapters to win the sixth
- 8 general session of the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo in
- 9 Indianapolis; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The Taylorville FFA of Illinois is filled with
- 11 bright and exceptional future leaders of America, and their
- 12 continued determination will lead Illinois agriculture into
- another generation of prosperity; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- we congratulate the Taylorville FFA of Illinois on being named
- 17 the 2023 Premier National Chapter in Strengthening
- 18 Agriculture; and be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 20 presented to the Taylorville FFA of Illinois members as a
- 21 symbol of our respect and esteem.