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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Keith Schoettmer.

Whereas, Keith Schoettmer has been named the National Pork Board's first America's Pig Farmer of the Year;

Whereas, The winner of this award excels at raising pigs using "We Care" ethical principles and connects with today's consumers about how pork is produced;

Whereas, The mission of the "We Care" initiative is to encourage farmers and their employees to use the best practices in raising pigs, upholding a core set of ethical principles, including promoting animal well-being, producing safe food, protecting public health, safeguarding natural resources and the environment, providing employee safety and

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education, and giving back to the community;

Whereas, Keith, a pig farmer from Tipton, graduated from Purdue University and spent seven years managing a purebred Duroc farm in Central Illinois;

Whereas, In 1987 Keith and his wife, Darla, with one full-time employee, started Schoettmer Prime Pork Farm in Tipton, which had 400 sows producing around 8,000 pigs per year;

Whereas, Today, Schoettmer Prime Pork Farm has eight full-time employees, and 1,050 sows that produce 23,000 pigs per year;

Whereas, Active in the pork industry, Keith served as Indiana Pork President in 2001, has made numerous trips to Washington, D.C., to lobby for pork producer interests, was instrumental in the formation of the Indiana Pork Advocacy Coalition (INPAC), was given a Meritorious Service Award from Indiana Pork in 2005, and served as Chairman of the Midwest Pork Conference from its inception until 2013;

Whereas, Keith's efforts are recognized by local government as well, with Schoettmer Prime Pork Farm being voted by the Tipton County Chamber of Commerce as the 2015 Business of the Year;

Whereas, Keith is active in his church and volunteers on the Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona; and

Whereas, Great accomplishments such as these deserve special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 congratulates Keith Schoettmer on his selection as the first America's
- 3 Pig Farmer of the Year and encourages him to continue all his good
- 4 work.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Keith Schoettmer



1 and his family.

