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Representative Phillips

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Kelly and Michelle Abfall as the 2014
Outstanding Young Farmers.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend Kelly and Michelle Abfall on being named the 2014 Outstanding Young Farmers by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; and

WHEREAS, Kelly and Michelle Abfall are richly deserving of this illustrious award, for they have been acknowledged for their exceptional knowledge and skill in farm management and agricultural production. Graduates of The Ohio State University's agriculture program, they operate a 1,030-acre grain and beef cattle farm, and it is only fitting that they be recognized for the skill and resourcefulness they have shown in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Despite the demands of running their own farm, Kelly and Michelle Abfall have given tirelessly of their time, energy, and abilities to create an amicable union between farmers and government by working closely with the Athens County Farm Bureau, where Michelle serves on the board of trustees. Their dedication to excellence has earned them the respect and appreciation of the entire community, and we applaud them for their tremendous efforts; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the backbone of this state's economy, and at a time of increasing urbanization, when many are forced to depend on the services of a few to survive,

farmers have shouldered the responsibility of feeding the world's population with admirable competence and efficiency. As farmers' efforts are all too often overlooked, it is appropriate that we pay tribute to individuals such as Kelly and Michelle Abfall, who have contributed immensely to Ohio's agricultural greatness; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, honor Kelly and Michelle Abfall on being named the 2014 Outstanding Young Farmers by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Kelly and Michelle Abfall.